



# **Heartland Genealogy**

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*Tackling those Brick Walls*

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## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

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### Saturday Night Genealogy Fun — Your Top End-of-Line Ancestors

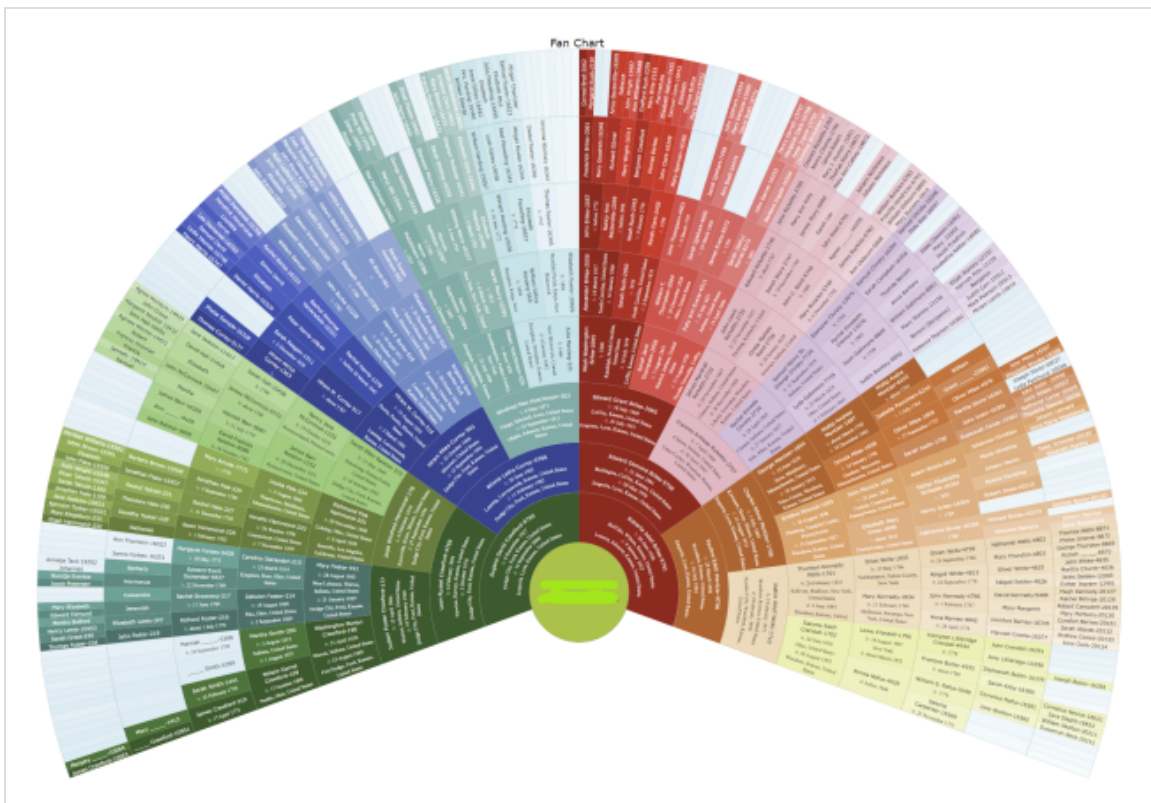
**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again —**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along — cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

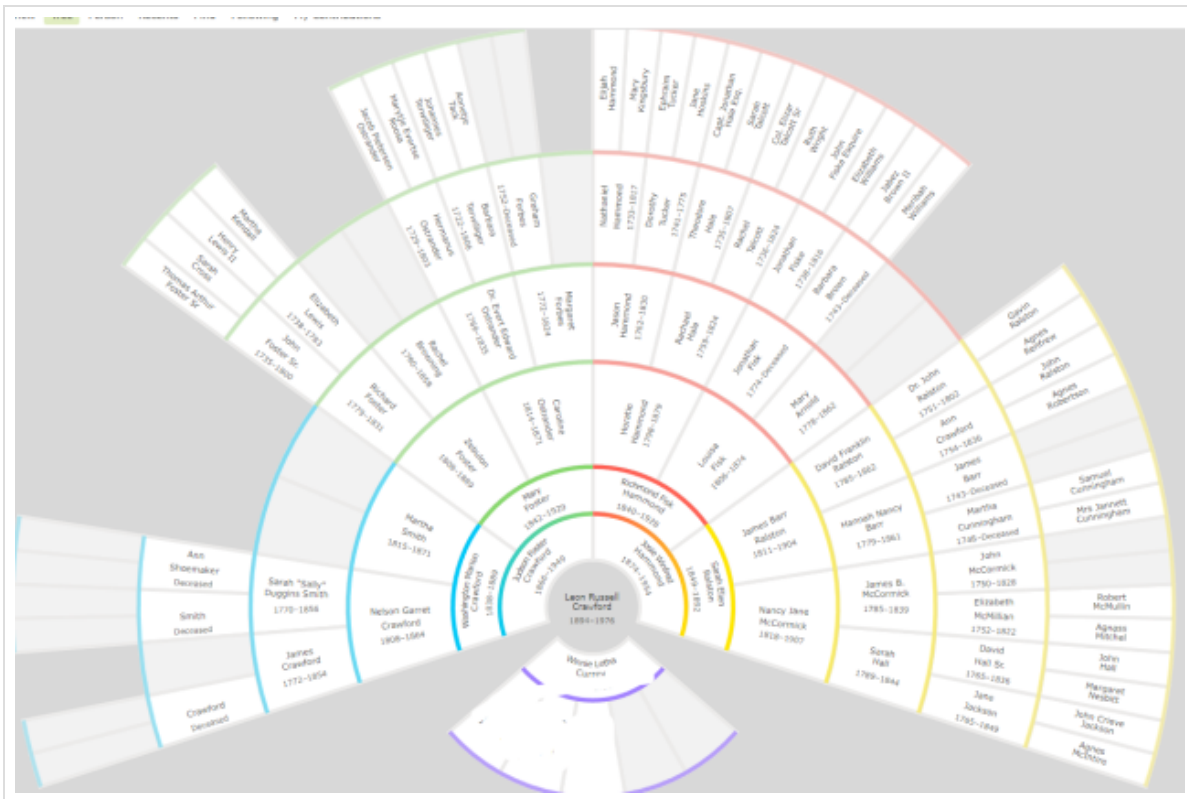
**1) Show us your pedigree (or fan) chart. Who are your end-of-line ancestors? Describe the top 5 or 10 of them.**



## Top End of Line Ancestors

#1 – James Crawford (1772-1854) of Preble County, Ohio and his wife Sally Smith Duggins Crawford whom James married in 1799 in Garrard County, Kentucky. I manage three full yDNA tests for this line. So far, it is still a brick wall.

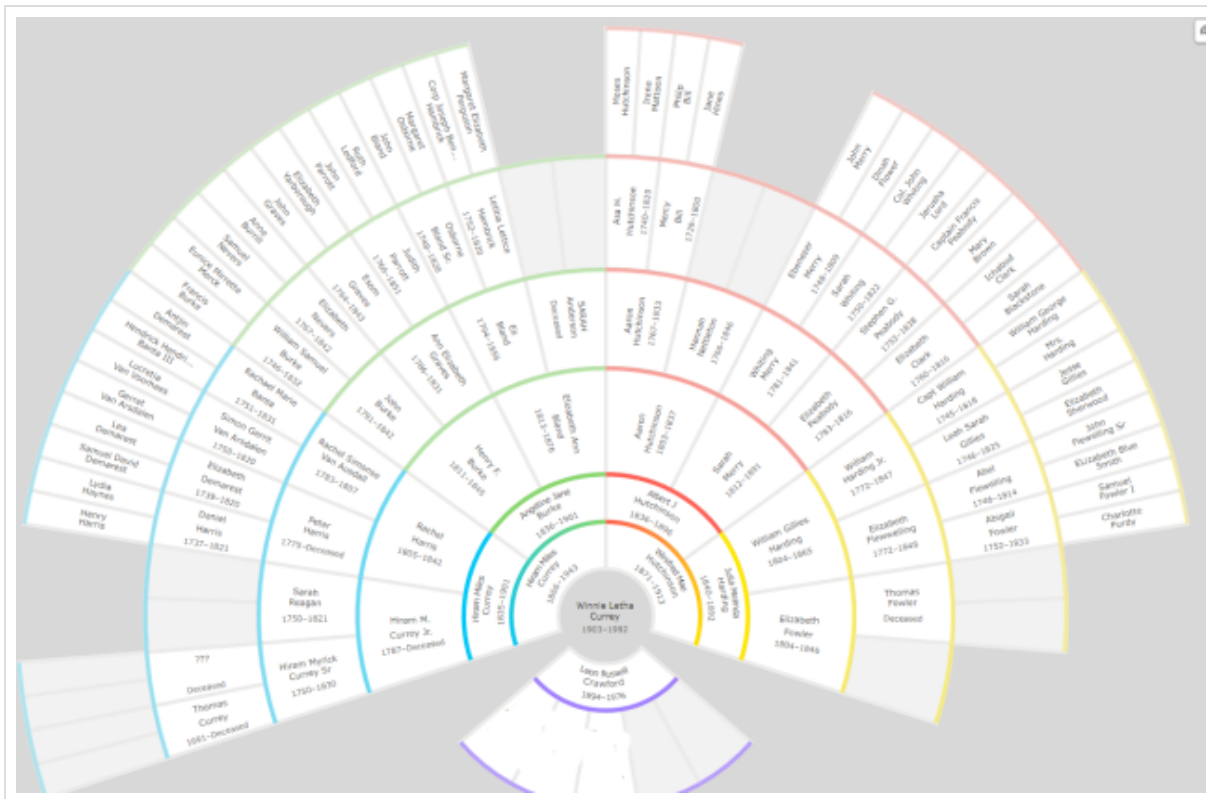
## My Paternal Grandfather Leon Crawford's line



- Foster – Ohio and Maryland
- Ostrander – New York / New Amsterdam
- Hammond / Hale / Fiske- Connecticut
- Ralston / Barr – Pennsylvania – David Ralston arrived from Ireland in 1803
- McCormick / Hall – Pennsylvania

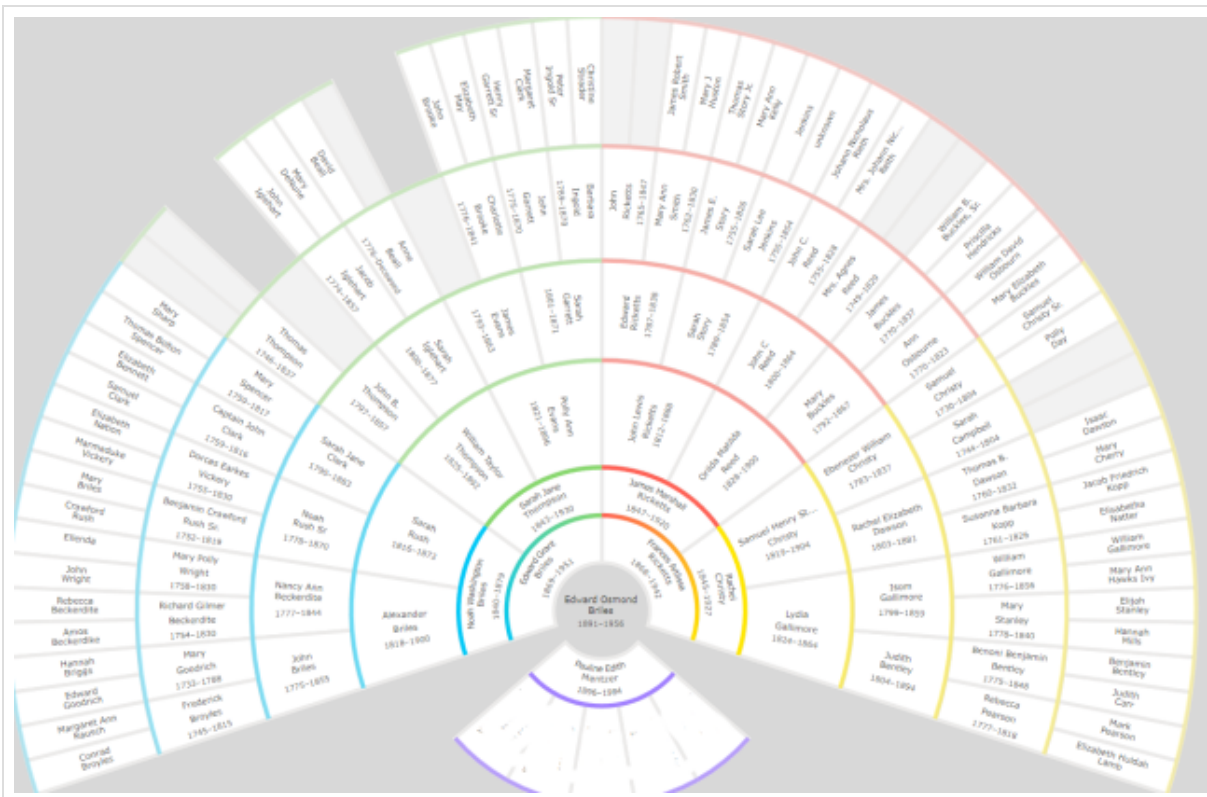
## My Paternal Grandmother Winnie Currey's line





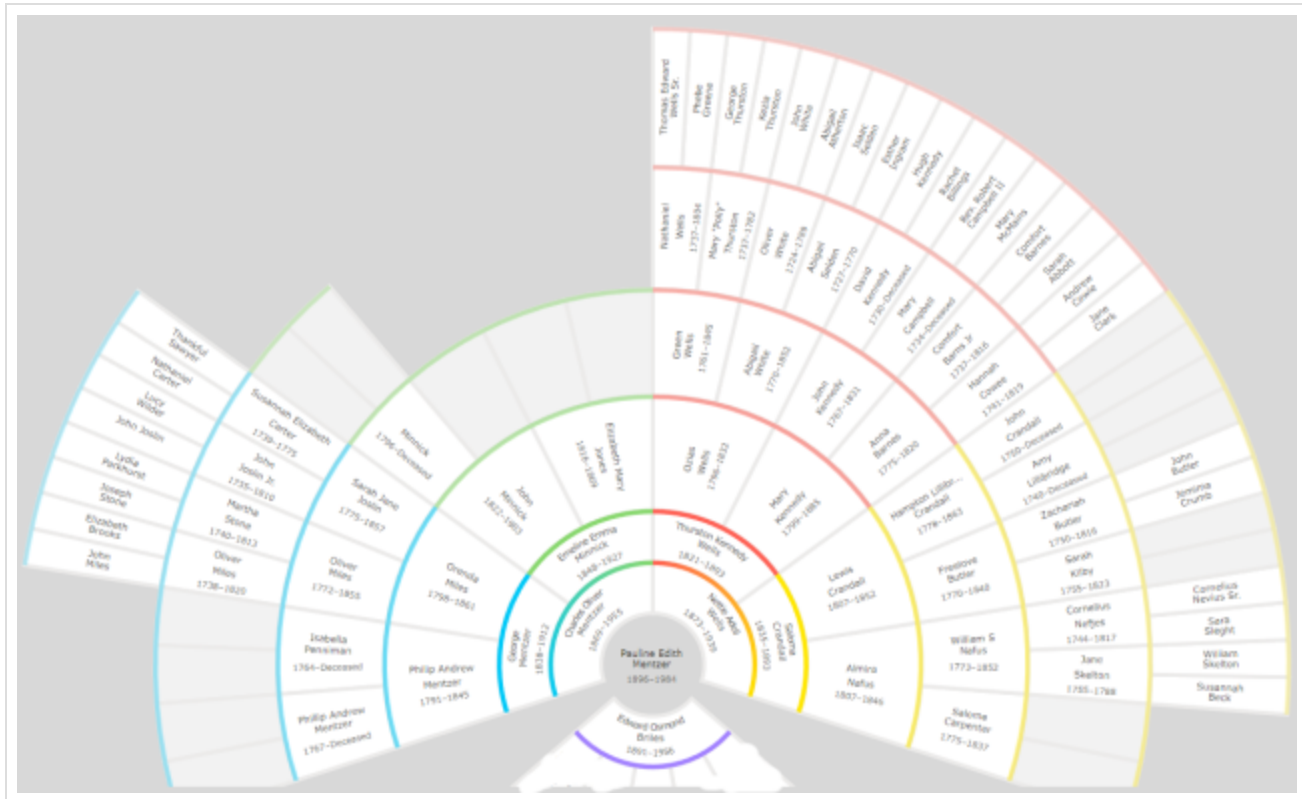
- Currey line – Thomas Currey of Adams County Ohio
- My New Amsterdam branch: Harris, Demarest, Van Arsdale, Banta
- Burke / Graves – Virginia / Tennessee (FS tree goes back to New Brunswick, but I have not researched such a connection)
- Bland line – Kentucky and Virginia
- Hutchinson – New York
- Harding / Fowler Flewelling – LOYALISTS – New Brunswick and New York

## My Maternal Grandfather Edward Osmond Briles' line



- Briles / Broyles – Conrad Broyles of Randolph County, North Carolina was a member of the 2nd Germanna colony along with his father Johanne (John) Van Bruhl (Broyles)
- Beckerdite / Rush – Randolph County, North Carolina
- Thompson – Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa
- Igleheart – Maryland to Kentucky
- Ricketts – Maryland to Kentucky
- Buckles – Maryland to Indiana
- Reed – Pennsylvania to Maryland to Indiana
- Christy – Virginia to Ohio
- Gallimore – North Carolina to Ohio to Indiana

## My Maternal Grandmother Pauline Mentzer's branch



- Middlesex County, Massachusetts: Mentzer and Miles lines from before 1800
- Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and Henry County, Illinois: Minnick and Jones line
- Yates County New York and Crawford County Ohio: Carpenter — Salome Carpenter (1775-1837)
- New York and Rhode Island: Crandall -Lillibridge line
- New York and Rhode Island: Wells, Thurston, White, Kennedy lines



# James Barr Deeds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 2, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: ARMSTRONG COUNTY PA, BARR, RALSTON

Do you use ‘family trees’ in your genealogy research? While I try to not rely on family trees for my research, I do use them for guidance. When I first started my research, I would receive handwritten family group sheets in the mail. I would compare the information on those sheets with what I new about the family and decide whether they connected to my research or not.

Today, I often turn to the FamilySearch tree to see what the family structure may look like. Then I try to find records to prove (or disprove) the family structure. As I’ve moved into researching my family lines in early Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, I’m finding a lack of consensus about the family structure.

I believe one of my 4th great grandmothers is Hannah Barr , wife of David Ralston of Armstrong county, PA. While I’m just beginning my dive into Armstrong county PA records for my Ralston and McCormick lines, I believe that Hannah’s father is James Barr. Hannah’s profile on FamilySearch along with a WikiTree profile and many Ancestry trees show Hannah Barr as the daughter of James Barr and Martha Cunningham. Unfortunately, there is very little sourcing to support this relationship.

While researching deed records for David Ralston, I discovered a deed that refers to David Ralston as the son-in-law of James Barr and his wife Martha.



*Armstrong County Pennsylvania  
Deeds, 1805-1891*

*Deeds v. 3-4 1815-1823*

*Film 861225 DGS 8084147*

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*James Barr & wife*

*to*

*David Ralston*

*This indenture made the eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen*

*between James Barr and Martha his wife of the one part and David Ralston son in law to the said James*

*Barr of the other part all of Armstrong county. Whereas the said James Barr did in consideration of his*

*maintenance & keeping and that of his wife's all the said below recited land to a certain James Steel and whereas the said James Steel*

*did in no manner whatever comply with his agreement but shortly after moved his family down the river Ohio Now this indenture*

*witnesse that that the said James Barr & Martha his wife for an in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the*

*said David Ralston and the keeping support & maintenance of us during our lives in a decent and becoming manner have*

*granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto David Ralston all our right title and interest*

*of in and to a certain tract of land situate in Buffalo township adjoining lands of James Hill on the East John Sy on the*

*South and others supposed to contain between three and four hundred acres. It being the said tract whereon I made an improve*

*ment by residence of actual settlement to have and to hold the same with its appurtenances unto the said David Ralston his heirs*

*& assigns forever. In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands & seals the day & year first written.*

*James (his mark) Barr (seal)*

*Martha (her mark) Barr (seal)*

*Signed Sealed & delivered*

*in presence of*

*Arthur*

*Jno Smith*

*Rec'd the consideration of one dollar. James (his mark) Barr*

*Armstrong County SS*

*Came before me a justice of the peace in and for said county the grantors*

*James Barr and Martha his*

*wife who acknowledged the foregoing as their act and deed and as such*

*desired the same may be recorded. The said Martha being*

*by me first examined apart from her husband and the contents made*

*known to her says she executed the same voluntarily*

*without the compulsion of her husband. Given under my hand and seal the*

*thirteenth day of September 1817.*

*Jno. Smith*

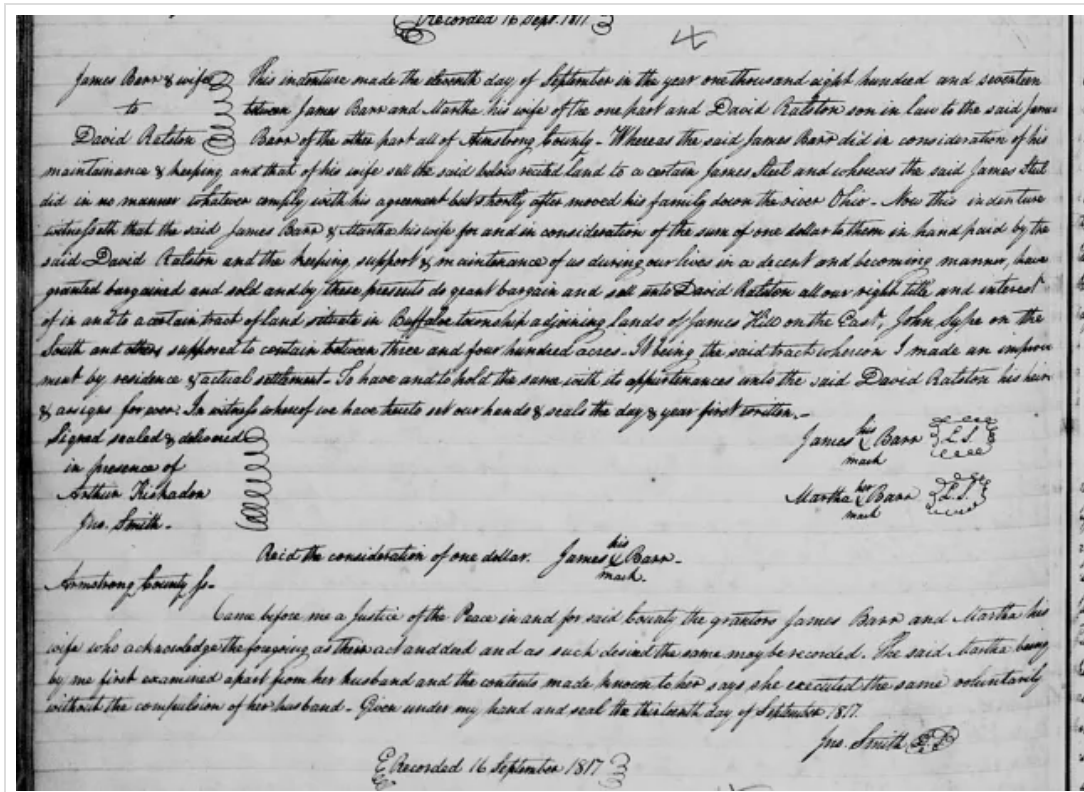
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**8084147. DAVID RALSTON, 11 SEP 1817; VOL. 3: PAGE 222 (IMAGE 132 OF 620);**

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**ONLINE 26 AUGUST 2023.**





When I first found the above deed, I keyed on the words 'son-in-law' and realized that this connected David Ralston to his wife's father, James Barr. It was only as I transcribed this deed that I realized the deed likely mentioned another of James Barr's son-in-laws.

Thus, I started search for a James Barr to James Steel deed. And I found a deed very similar to David Ralston's deed.

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Armstrong county Pennsylvania

Deeds

Deeds, v. 3-4 1815-1823

Film 861225 DGS 8084146

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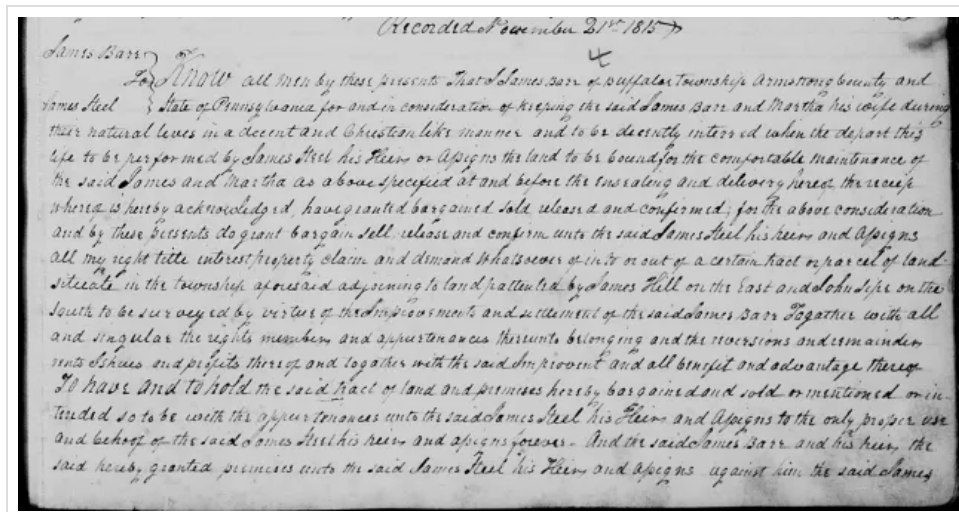
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James Barr

to

*James Steel*

*Know all men by these presents that I James Barr of Buffaloe Township  
Armstrong County and  
State of Pennsylvania for and in consideration of keeping the said James  
Barr and Martha his wife during  
their natural lives in a decent and Christian like manner and to be  
decently interred when the depart this  
life to be performed by James Steel his heirs or assigns the land to be  
bound for the comfortable maintenance of  
the said James and Martha as above specified at and before the ensealing  
and delivery herof the receipt  
whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold released  
and confirmed for the above consideration  
and by these presents do grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the  
said James Steel his heirs and assigns  
all my right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of into  
or out of a certain tract or parcel of land  
situate in the township aforesaid adjoining to land pattented by James hill  
on the East and John Sipe on the  
South to be surveyed by virtue of the improvements and settlements of the  
said James Barr Together with all  
and singular the rights members and appurtenance thereunto belonging  
and the revisions and remainders  
To have and to hold the said tract of land and premises hereby bargained  
and sold or mentioned or in  
tended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said James Steel his heirs  
and assigns to the only proper use  
and behoof of the said James Steel his heirs and assigns forever. And the  
said James Barr and his heir, the  
said hairs, granted premises unto the said James Steel his heirs and  
assigns against in the said James*



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Barr and his heirs and assigns against all and every other person and persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under from them or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirtieth day of Novr In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen. It is also said James Barr doth give unto the said James Steel all his household property goods and chattels whatsoever.

James his mark Barr (seal)

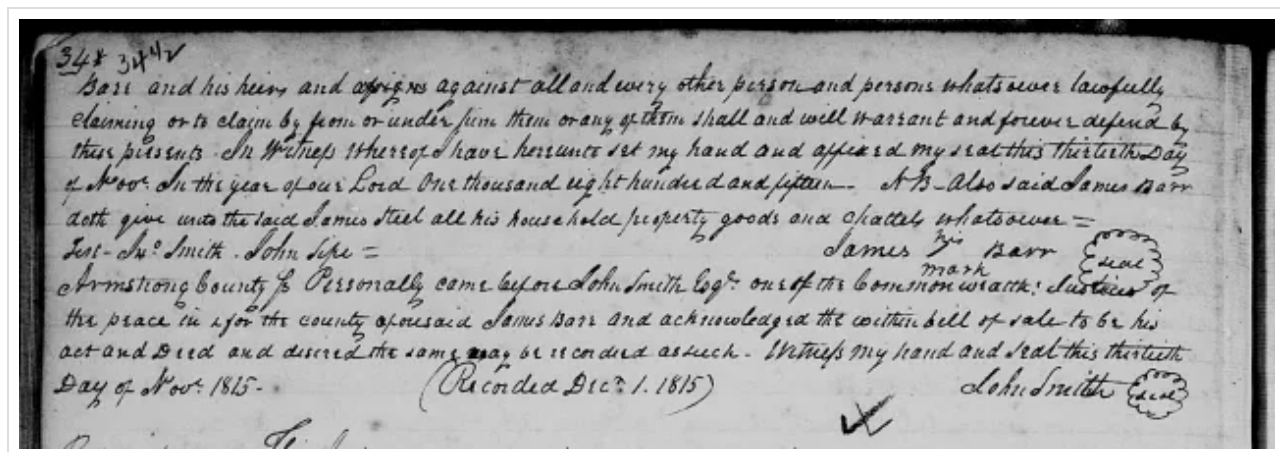
Test Jno Smith John Sipe

Armstrong Count SS Personally came before John Smith Esqr one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid James Barr and acknowledged the within bill of sale to be his act and deed and desired the same may be recorded as such. Witness my hand and seal this thirtieth day of Nov 1815 (Recorded Decr 1 1815)

John Smith



**PENNSYLVANIA, ARMSTRONG COUNTY. DEEDS, 1805-1891. FILM #861225 GS 8084146.**  
**JAMES BARR, 30 NOV 1815; VOL. 3: PAGE 33 1/2 AND 34 1/2 (IMAGES 36 AND 37 OF**  
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Based on this 1815 deed between James Barr and James Steel, I believe that Hannah Barr had a sister married to James Steel. A search of FamilySearch turned up a possibility for this sister: Elizabeth Barr. Elizabeth's FamilySearch profile shows two different sets of parents. One set is for a James Barr and his wife, Martha.

The James Barr shown as a possible father of Elizabeth Barr Steel is not the same James Barr connected to Hannah Barr. Both profiles show a wife named Martha. Both profiles include only one daughter. The deeds I found would suggest that James Steel and David Ralston are brothers-in-law. Because I don't have enough documentation on any of these profiles to merge the two James Barr profiles, I am doing the following:

- attaching the deeds as sources to the James Barr in my tree
- uploading images of the deeds to the Memories for James Barr
- Adding an 'Alert Note' to James Barr suggesting the other James Barr as a possible duplicate
- Adding an 'Alert Note' to James Barr pointing to the other James Barr and the deeds in question
- Updating WikiTree profiles for David Ralston, Hannah Barr and James Barr
- Updating my Ancestry tree so that these sources appear in my tree

Since I have researched the James Steel / Elizabeth Barr family, I don't feel comfortable merging the two James Barr profiles. Hopefully, the actions I've taken will prompt those who have done more BARR research to consider my suggestions.

# Paul Boeding

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 3, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

## World War II Death Non-Battle

### High School Activities



#### ***Draftees Assigned to Squadron Groups***

##### *Activity Period Stresses Physical Fitness Program*

*An assembly was held in the auditorium Friday morning October 16. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the activities taking place this year. This was done by Father Maurus who said that the most important and first activity is conduct and school spirit. Activities consist of drills and various sports.*

*The high school students are divided into eight squadrons, four for the boys and four for the girls. Each squadron has a director chosen b the home rooms. The directors and squadron titles are: Anna Marie Gudenkauf, Army Nurses; Rosemary Wempe, WAACS; Betty Strathman, WAVES; and Kathleen Fangman, U.S.O. The boys are: Paul Boeding, NAVY, James Huerter, AIR CORPS; Norman Luebbe, MARINES; and Bill Springer, ARMY.*

*The squadrons consist of students from the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman rooms who were selected by the squadron directors.*

*The squadrons have drills and various sports according to the seasons. These sports and drills take place during the activity periods which is from 12:35 to 1:05.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) - 29 OCT 1942, PAGE 3**

## Draft Registration

”

*State Headquarters: Kansas*

*Full Name: Boeding, Paul Donald*

*Birth Date: 11 Feb 1925*

*Birth Place: Seneca, Kansas, Usa*

*Race: White*

*Employer: Student*

*Weight: 190*

*Height: 6 3*

*Complexion: Light*

*Eye Color: Blue*

*Hair Color: Brown*

*Contact Person: Boeding, August*

*Relation to Head: Father*

*Year:*

*Residence: Seneca, Nemaha, Kansas*

*Residence Country: USA*

*Registration Date: 11 Feb 1943*

**WWII DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD FOR KANSAS (1940-1947) - FOLD 3**

FORM APPROVED  
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

**REGISTRATION CARD** (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)  
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> W - 90	<b>1. NAME (Print)</b> Paul Donald Boeding (First) (Middle) (Last)			<b>ORDER NUMBER</b> 11266
<b>2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)</b> Seneca Nemaha Kansas (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)				
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]				
<b>3. MAILING ADDRESS</b> Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)				
<b>4. TELEPHONE</b> 83 (Exchange) (Number)	<b>5. AGE IN YEARS</b> 18 DATE OF BIRTH February 11, 1925 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		<b>6. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Seneca Kansas (Town or county) (State or country)	
<b>7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS</b> August Boeding (father), Seneca, Kansas				
<b>8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS</b> Student				
<b>9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42)		c16-21630-4 (OVER)		
Paul Donald Boeding (Registrant's signature)				

## Expects to Enlist

”

Paul Boeding is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. August Boeding who expects to enlist in the navy. He is a senior in Sts. Peter and Paul school and expects to graduate with his class. An older brother, Edgar (Rusty), employed at the Mealy & Berens store, enlisted in the navy not long ago. Sally and Fritz Boeding have been in the military service for a long time.

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KANSAS) - 11 FEB 1943 - PAGE 3**

## Passes Naval Exam



”

*Paul Boeding, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Boeding, senior in Sts. Peter and Paul high school has received word he passed the examination for the Naval College Training program. Paul is the second student to receive word of the results of the examination. Those who took similar tests for the army training program have received no word of the results.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA KANSAS) - 3 MAY 1943 - PAGE 3**

## Enlistment

”

*Full Name Paul D Boeding*

*Army Serial Number 37736820*

*Enlistment Place Ft Leavenworth Kansas*

*Enlistment Date 14 Mar 1944*

*Army Branch No branch assignment*

*Service Branch Army*

*Race or Ethnicity White*

*Residence Nemaha County, Kansas*

*Enlistment Term*

*Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law*

*Source of Army Personnel Civil Life*

*Army Component Selectees (Enlisted Men)*

*Level of Education 4 years of high school*

*Occupation Hatchery men*

*Marital Status Single, without dependents*

*Birth Date 1925*

*Birth Place Kansas*

*Source Box Number 1256*

*Source Film Reel Number 6.22*

*Conflict Period World War II*  
*Served for United States of America*

**US WWII ARMY ENLISTMENT RECORDS, 1938-1946 - FOLD3**

## Arrives in France



### ***Edgar Boeding Receives Commission and Wings***

*Edgar Boeding, who arrived Friday night to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Boeding, graduated Wednesday, Sept. 27 as pilot of a Naval Fighdeer Plane in Corpus Christi, Texas, received his wings and the commission of ensign. He has been in training 20 months. Edgar has a 21 day leave and will go to Melbourne; Fla., for more advanced training at the termination of his leave. Pvt. Paul Boeding a younger brother, has written his parents of his safe arrival in France, after a month's silence. There are now three Boeding brothers on the European battle front, Lieut Fredolin Boeding, Sgt. M. E. Boeding and Paul.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) - 2 OCT 1944 - PAGE 2**

## Hospital Record



*Full Name Boeding, Paul D*

*Admission Date Oct 1944*

*Admission Type of Injury Injury, non-battle*

*Military Service Number 37736820*

*Rank Enlisted Man*

*Branch Unassigned and Assignments (Not Elsewhere Classified)*

*Injured in Line of Duty In line of duty*

*Medical Diagnosis First Location: Unknown, code not applicable;*

*CausativeAgent: None or Unknown Discharge Type*

*Died*

*Discharge Date Oct 1944*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Served for United States of America*

**US WWII HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARD FILES, 1942-1954 - FOLD 3**

## Death

”

*Full Name Boeding, Paul D*

*Serial number 37736820*

*Rank PVT*

*Type of casualty DNB*

*Conflict Period World War II*

**WORLD WAR II HONOR LIST OF DEAD AND MISSING ARMY AND ARMY AIR FORCES**

**PERSONNEL FROM KANSAS, 1946 (FOLD 3)**

NEMAHA COUNTY			
ALLEN RALPH W	17056690	TEC5	KIA
BARRETT LEWIS L	37499930	S SG	FOD
BECKER BERNARD A	17020056	S SG	FOD
BINDEL RICHARD C	37233213	S SG	KIA
BOEDING PAUL D	37736820	PVT	DNB
BROWN VIRGIL F	37224218	S SG	FOD
DAILEY JOHN I	37533185	PVT	KIA
ENNEKING JOSEPH A JR	37246081	PFC	KIA
FUND ROY L	20725158	SGT	KIA
GUILFORD WILLIAM E	37538356	PVT	KIA
HUNINGHAKE HENRY J	37155337	S SG	DOW
JOHNSON JOSEPH P	0-398507	MAJ	KIA
KELLENBERGER GALEN A	37747050	PVT	DOW
KOKENGE FRANCIS A	17020110	SGT	DNB
LONG FRANCIS R	37745921	PVT	KIA
MEYER EARL J	37155385	S SG	KIA
MOORE GEORGE S	37013604	S SG	KIA
NOLTE CYRIL P	37190487	SGT	KIA
RETTELE ADRIAN J	37234435	PVT	DNB
ROKEY RAYMOND R	0-025375	CAPT	DOW

## Burial

”

Full Name Paul D Boeding

State of Residence Kansas

Death 3-Oct-44

Death Date 3 Oct 1944

Buried Buried at: Plot G Row 7 Grave 5 Henri-Chapelle American

Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium Memorial Location

Plot G Row 7 Grave 5

Memorial Cemetery Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Memorial Country Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Rank Private, U.S. Army

Service Number 37736820

Regiment 3rd Replacement Depot

Conflict Period World War II

Served for United States of America

**US AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, 1914-1950 - FOLD 3****Truck Accident**

*Mrs. August Boeding, in Sacred Heart Hospital, LaMars, Iowa, had an opportunity to talk with the family of Earl Bourrett, 25, who met his death October 3 in a truck accident at Dinant, Belgium. This date is when Paul Boeding son of Mr. and Mrs. Boeding, was reported to have died in a truck accident in the same Belgium city. The two families feel that their sons were together because after comparing notes, they discovered they had left the states at the same time and had been in England together. They believe their sons died instantly, but have received no further details concerning the accident. Bourrett was from Sioux City, Iowa, was married and had a three year old son.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KANSAS) - 7 DEC 1944 - PAGE 1**

**Obituary*****Honor Memory of Seneca Soldier******Many Paid Tribute to Paul Boeding Friday***

*The memory of Pvt. Paul Donald Boeding was honored at Sts. Peter and Paul church at nine thirty Friday morning with a requiem high mass said by Rev. Aloysius Krapp, Atchison, an uncle of the young soldier. This was the fourth memorial service held in the church. Paul died in Belgium, October 3, following a truck accident and no details have been received of his death.*

*In the sanctuary Friday morning, in addition to Father Krapp were, Rev Matthew Hall, O.S.B., Rev. Father Quinlan and Rev. Father Grosdidier. Paul's brothers Mark Victor and Robert Boeding were the servers. The flag draped bier rested at the altar railing and in the vestibule of the church was Pvt. Boeding's picture. Paul's schoolmates, still in Seneca, attended in a body, as did Knights of Columbus. At the close of the mass, Rev. Father Basil spoke comforting words to the family. A commitment service was held out of doors. Members of the C.H.S. sang, Let There Be Peace. Taps were sounded by Sammy Armstrong and a salute was fired by Legionnaires from Earle W. Taylor Post. Staff Sgt. Louis Schmits and Pvt. James Huerter served as color bearers and Pvt. Charles Mueting as color guard. Edward R. Levick, legionnaire, presented the American flag to the parents. Ivan Becker presented a spiritual bouquet to the family as a token of sympathy from the Catholic High School.*

*Paul was born in Seneca Feb. 11, 1935 and had lived here all of his life until joining the service of his country in March 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Boeding and the fourth to enter the service. Members of the family present for the service Friday morning included his brother, Ensign Edgar Boeding, Melbourne, Florida, Miss Mary Helen Boeding Dayton, Ohio, and those at home. Other relatives from this community attended and the church was filled with friends of the family Cyril Boeding, Salina, came for the service.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) - 30 OCT 1944 - PAGE 1**




Photo added by Desirée Philippot

## Pvt Paul D. Boeding

**BIRTH** 11 Feb 1925  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 3 Oct 1944 (aged 19)

**BURIAL** [Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial](#)  
Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers, Liège, Belgium [Add to Map](#)

**PLOT** Plot G Row 7 Grave 5

**MEMORIAL ID** 56279559 · [View Source](#)


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MEMORIAL

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Paul D. Boeding  
Private, U.S. Army  
Service # 37736820  
3rd Replacement Depot  
Entered the Service from: Kansas  
Died: 3-Oct-44  
Buried at: Plot G Row 7 Grave 5  
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium



# Ralston Connection

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 4, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: ARMSTRONG COUNTY PA, RALSTON

Have you ever read a biography in a county history and said to yourself, they have to be connected to my family? That was my case when searching the book, *Armstrong County Pennsylvania, Her People, Past and Present* on archive.org for my Ralston and McCormick families.

One of the items I found was the biography of Robert Louis Ralston on page 460 of volume 1.

”

*Robert Louis Ralston, of Kittanning, is one of the leading lawyers at the bar of Armstrong county. He devotes all his time to legal work and holds the confidence of both clients and fellow practitioners.*

*His family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The Ralstons of whom he is a descendant came from Ireland in 1803 and settled at Slate Lick, Armstrong county. On the paternal side he is related to the Galbreath family. His mother was a Thornburg, and was a descendant of old Allegheny county family of that name. His father, James Ralston and mother, Maria Thornburg, were married in 1856, and spent their married life on a farm in South Buffalo township. The family consisted of three children: George T., who resides on the home farm; Laura M., who resides in Kittanning and the subject of this sketch.*

*Mr. Ralston was in early life a school teacher. After three years spent in teaching in the public schools of the count he entered Westminster College, in Lawrence county, Pa., and graduated from that institution in 1890. He studied law with James H. McCain in Kittanning and was admitted to the bar in 1893. He has been engaged in the practice of the law ever since.*


**ARMSTRONG COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, HER PEOPLE, PAST AND PRESENT: EMBRACING A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY AND A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES, VOL 1 (CHICAGO: J. H. BEERS & CO., 1914), P 460-461; DIGITAL IMAGES, ARCHIVE.ORG, [HTTP://WWW.ARCHIVE.ORG](http://www.archive.org) VIEWED ONLINE 24 AUGUST 2023.**

While I don't have a Robert Ralston as a descendant of my ancestor, David Ralston, a sentence in the biography prompted me to look further for a connection:

” *The Ralstons of whom he is a descendant came from Ireland in 1803 and settled at Slate Lick, Armstrong county*

The Find A Grave memorial for my ancestor, David Franklin Ralston, indicates he was born in Ireland. It further states

” *the family immigrated to America in 1803*



**David Franklin Ralston**

**BIRTH** 28 Oct 1785  
Ireland

**DEATH** 28 Mar 1862 (aged 76)  
Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, USA

**BURIAL** [Slate Lick United Presbyterian Cemetery](#)  
Slate Lick, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, USA [Add to Map](#)

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Inscription: Aged 75 Yrs 4M & 23 DAs

David was born in Tyrone County, Ireland to the parents of John and Anne Ralston. David's father died in 1802 and the family immigrated to America in 1803. David's mother Anne sailed with her family May 14, 1803 aboard "The Stafford" leaving from Londonberry for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania but disembarked at New Castle and settled in Baltimore for about 7 years. The family was living in Buffalo, Armstrong, Pennsylvania in the 1810 Census. David's siblings: Mary, Rebecca, Robert, John, Jane, Anne and Joseph.

While it is possible that two different RALSTON families immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1803 AND settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, I believe this is a major clue that the Robert Ralston of the biography is somehow related to my ancestor, David Ralston.

When I did a search of the FamilySearch tree for Robert Ralston, I found one whose parents match the biography: Robert Ralston , son of James Ralston and Maria Thornburg. Robert's father, James C. Ralston is shown as the son of a Rebecca Ramsey. Rebecca's profile does not lead back to a Galbreath connection as mentioned in the biography of Robert Ralston.

Because of the reference to the 1803 immigration, I started looking at the descendants of Ann Ralston to see if I could find a Galbreath connection. According to the FamilySearch tree, Ann's son, John Ralston was married to Mary Polly Galbraith. John and Mary (Galbraith) Ralston had a son, James Curtis Ralston (1822-1876) . While this James Ralston is of the appropriate age to be the father of Robert Ralston, his profile does not show he was married or had any children.

While I believe the biography suggests that Robert Ralston descends from John Ralston and Mary Galbraith, I do not have enough information to support a merger of the two James C.

Ralstons or to attach Robert Ralston to James Curtis Ralston. Thus, I've added the biography as a source for Robert Ralston. I've also added an alert note to Robert Ralston's profile asking whether his grandparents might be John Ralston and Mary Galbraith instead of Rebecca Ramsey.

# Phillip A Mentzer

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 5, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: MASSACHUSETTS, MENTZER

Of Middlesex county, Massachusetts



**Phillip Andrew Mentzer** was born about Mar 1793.

He obtained a marriage license to marry Orinda Miles on 16 Mar 1816 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He married Orinda Miles on 23 May 1816.

He was the father of William Andrew Mentzer who was born on 2 Oct 1816 in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He was the father of Cyrus Mentzer who was born on 14 Dec 1817 in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip lived in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1820. He was listed as Philip A. Mentzer on the 1820 census with 3 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, and 1 female 16-26 in the household.

He was the father of John Mentzer who was born on 24 Jan 1820 in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He was the father of Charles Lewis Mentzer who was born on 17 Oct 1824 in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip purchased land called the swamp containing six acres from Rufus Hosmer for \$35 on 3 Jun 1825 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He sold land being about 7 acres to Joseph Miles for \$97.61 on 1 May 1827 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He was the father of Rufus Mentzer who was born on 26 Feb 1828 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip purchased land being 11 acres for \$59.25 from John Brown on 7 Nov 1829 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He was the father of Hannah Augusta Mentzer who was born on 2 Jun 1830 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 1 Jul 1830. He was listed as Andrew Mentzar on the 1830 census with 1 male under 5, 2 males 5 to 10, 3 males 10 to 15, 1 male 30 to 40, 2 females under 5, 1 female 30 to 40 in the household.

In 1832, Phillip won best of show for a 1 year old heifer in a cattle show in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.



He purchased meadowland containing 3 acres for \$300 from Jesse Parmenter on 1 Jan 1835 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He purchased land being 11 acres for \$100 from Silas Stow on 5 Feb 1835 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.

Phillip was the father of Sarah A. Mentzer who was born on 12 Feb 1835 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 4 Dec 1837. Gave an order to Phillip A Mentzer for eighteen dollars and seventy five cents in full for labour on the road on Boons plain

He was the father of George Mentzer who was born on 12 Jun 1838 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1839.

He lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1840. Philip A. Mentzer was listed on the 1840 census with 1 male under 5, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 30-40 and 1 female 40-50 in the household.

He sold land being 7 1/2 acres to William Burrage on 7 Mar 1844 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip purchased land being a plot of woodland containing about nineteen acres from John Brown on 9 Dec 1844 in Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

He died on 19 Dec 1845 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States at the age of 52. of small pox

He was buried after 19 Dec 1845 in Hillside Cemetery, Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Phillip had his estate probated on 12 Feb 1846 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

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# Friday Finds

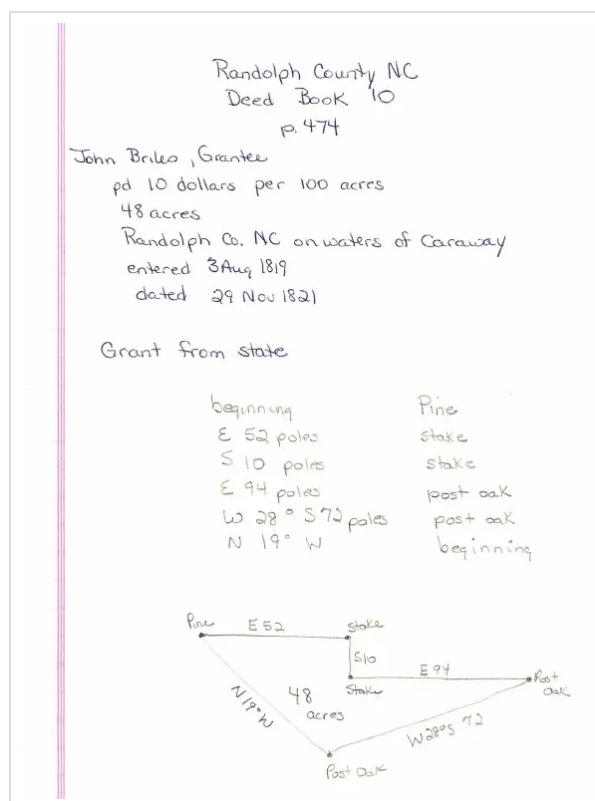
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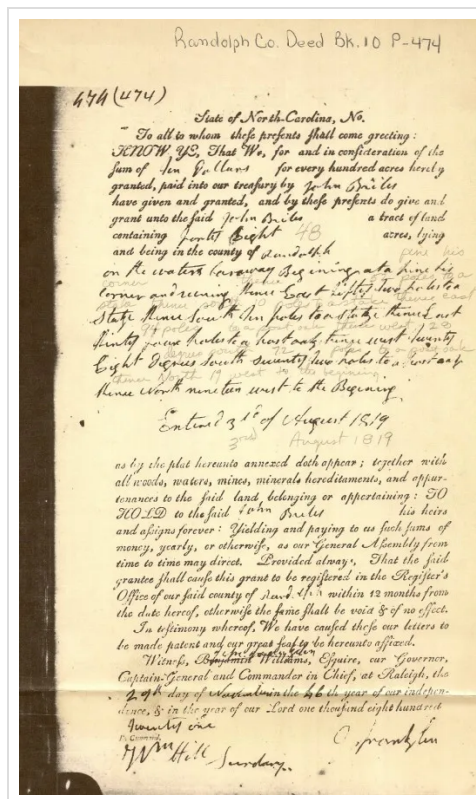
/ OCTOBER 6, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, RANDOLPH COUNTY, NC

Have you ever looked thru your old files and been reminded of the help a family member provided to get that document? That was my situation as I was updating sources for my 4th great grandfather, John Briles. While I have quite a few facts regarding the sale and purchase of land, it was the 1819 land entry source that contained some handwritten notes. Since those notes were in my dad's handwriting, they provided a reminder about how I obtained them.

While traveling around the United States, my parents did some research for me when in the area where an ancestor might have lived. Since my mom's BRILES line was from Randolph County, North Carolina, my parents did quite a bit of local research for me in North Carolina.





As I review each generation, my goal is to write better citations and to make sure records are transcribed. A secondary goal is to add the source to the FamilySearch tree (unless it has already been added). Thus my new citation for this deed becomes

“ North Carolina, Randolph County. Record of Deeds, 1779-1963. Film #19633 DGS 7517636. John Briles, 1819; Vol 10: page 474; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 20 September 2023.

The transcription of the deed is added to the NOTE field of the citation.

“ Randolph County North Carolina  
Record of Deeds, 1779-1963

*Deeds, V. 9-10 1796-1822*

*Film 19633 DGS 7517636*

*Image 269 – start of book 10*

*Book 10*

*Image 513 – page 474*

*State of North Carolina, No.*

*TO all to whom these presents shall come greeting:  
Know Ye that We, for and in consideration of he  
sm of ten Dollars for every hundred acres hereby  
granted paid into our treasury by John Briles  
have given and granted, and by these presents do give and  
grant unto the said John Briles a tract of land  
containing forty eight acres lying  
and being in the county of Randolph  
on the waters of Caraway begining at a pine his  
corner and running thence east fifty two poles to a  
stake thence south ten poles to a stake thence east  
ninty four poles to a post oak thence west twenty  
eight degrees south seventy two poles to a post and  
then north nineteen west to the beginning  
Entered 3rd of August 1819*

*as by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear ; together with  
all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments, and appur  
tenances to the said land belonging or appertaining: to  
hold to the said John Briles his heirs  
and assigns forever : Yielding and paying to us such sums of  
money, yearly, or otherwise, as our General Assembly from  
time to time may direct. Provided always, that the said  
grantee shall cause this grant to be registered in the Register's  
Office of our said county of Randolph within 12 months from*

*the date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void & no effect.*  
*In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to*  
*be made patent and our great Seals to be hereunto affixed*  
*Witness Esquire, our Governor,*  
*Captain General and Commander in Chief, at Raleigh the*  
*29th day of November in the 46 year of our indepen*  
*dence & in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred*  
*twenty one*  
*J Franklin*  
*Wm Hill Sundary*

Since the deeds for early Randolph County, North Carolina are available on the FamilySearch site, I was able to locate the original deed on FamilySearch. After locating the deed, I attached the microfilm of the record to John Briles.

John Briles 1775-1855 L52Y-FK9

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 Marcia Philbrick

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1819 John Briles "North Carolina County Marriage 1767-1870"

After attaching the deed, I edited the entry to add the year of the deed. By having a year, the sources now appear in chronological order. I also copied the transcription in to the details of

the deed.




Johns Brilles 1775-1859LSZ-PK3

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State of North Carolina, No.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting:  
Know Ye that We, for and in consideration of the sum of ten Dollars for every hundred acre hereby granted paid into our treasury by John Brilles have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said John Brilles a tract of land containing forty eight acres lying and being in the county of Randolph on the waters of Caraway beginning at a pine his corner and running thence east fifty two poles to a stake thence south ten poles to a stake thence east ninety four poles to a post oak thence west twenty eight degrees south seventy two poles to a post and then north seventeen west to the beginning Entered 3rd of August 1819

As by the plat herunto annexed doth appear : together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments, and appur tenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to hold to the said John Brilles his heirs and assigns forever : Yielding and paying to us such sums of money, yearly, or otherwise, as our General Assembly from time to time may direct: Provided always that the said grantee shall cause this grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our said county of Randolph within 12 months from the date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void & no effect. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our Great Seals to be herunto affixed Witness [?] before us, our Governor,  
Captain General and Commander in Chief, at Raleigh the 29th day of November in the 46th year of our independent State & in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty one  
J Franklin  
We His Secretary

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While this particular deed brought back memories of my parents efforts to help me research our family history, I am very thankful for the records they brought back for me.

# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 7, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY

*Courier Tribune*

*24 Oct 1940*

## List Nemaha Serial Numbers for the Draft

### Over 1600 names are in the County Roll

A Master List Will Be Chosen in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday to Determine Order in Which Local  
Numbers Will Be Called

The Courier-Tribune prints today a list of names and numbers important to almost every home in Nemaha county. It is the list of men between ages of 21 and 36 who enrolled on Wednesday, October 16th, for possible service to their country, and with each man's name, the county serial number which has been drawn for him by the local draft board.

The arrangement is by number rather than by names because numbers will be the important thing next Tuesday, October 29th, when a master list is to be drawn at Washington, D.C. to determine the order in which local numbers will be called. President Roosevelt will draw the first number.

The local drawing and listing was completed Tuesday except perhaps for a few straggling cards. The board officially posted the list yesterday and sent a copy to state headquarters. The Sabetha Herald and Courier-Tribune joined in setting the large amount of type necessary and the list is printed in the two papers. To avoid ruining the type to still greater length, a key system is used to abbreviate names of towns. Where two letters make the name of the town



clear, only two are used. Seneca becomes Se; Sabetha Sa; Corning Co; Centralia Ce; Goff GO; Wetmore We; and Baileyville, Bern, Kelly, Havensville, Soldier, Pawnee, Axtell and other points are similarly abbreviated. Oneida and Onaga addresses required the use of Onei and Ona. The Nemaha County list follows:

Continued from Sept 30, 2023

- 1501 Benedict L. Holthaus Se
- 1502 Francis Lloyd Savage Co
- 1503 Melbourne M. McAferty Co
- 1504 Lloyd LeRoy Niccum Sa
- 1505 Donald S. Struck Sa
- 1506 Clement Joseph Koelzer Ce
- 1507 William A. Gugelman Be
- 1508 Donald Kirk Piper Se
- 1509 Edmund George Becker Se
- 1510 James F. Bigalow Ba
- 1511 Lawrence John Shump Sa
- 1512 Martin J. Rucker Sa
- 1513 Roy Lee Bronaum Sa
- 1514 Raymond Earl Tailey Go
- 1515 Alva Melvern Meade Ona
- 1516 Alvin Francis Huber Be
- 1517 Merle Leon Gugelman Be
- 1518 Russell Albert Coe Co
- 1519 Loren Wayne Bloom Co
- 1520 Albert G. Osterhaus Onei
- 1521 Raymond J. Vandervort Go
- 1522 Lynn Eugene Allen Onei
- 1523 John Bernard Holthaus Go
- 1524 Charles M. Wempe Se
- 1525 Charles H. Meisner Sa

1526 Charles Henry Adams Ce  
1527 Benedict Rottinghaus Se  
1528 Wilbur Summer Spiker Sa  
1529 Allen Louis Gilbert Sa  
1530 William L. Stephens Co  
1531 Philip Edw. Feldkamp Se  
1532 Emmanuel S. Dekat Sa  
1533 Alvin Frank Boeckman Se  
1534 Wilfred Thomas Smith Se  
1535 Efton Lymon Baker Se  
1536 Vincent L. Gudenkauf Se  
1537 Alvin Harry Herrmann Sa  
1538 Edwin Jos. Haverkamp Se  
1539 David Augest Grimm Sa  
1540 Nathan William Grimm Sa  
1541 Cedric Jay Moohead Sa  
1542 Byron Augustus Yost Sa  
1543 Dale Deyo Ayers Sa  
1544 Robert Lee Jessee Ce  
1545 Ernest Oscar Luckert Sa  
1546 William R. Karnowski Ce  
1547 Edwin A. Ronnebaum Ba  
1548 Carl S. Krotzinger Go  
1549 Fred E. Busenbark We  
1550 Humbert Chas. Huerter Ke

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# Family Time

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 8, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD

While the weather is forecast to be a little colder and breezier than I would like, this weekend is family time at the lake. No matter what the weather, this will be a time for great food, relaxation and hopefully time around a camp fire.



In my [Pink Boots Weekend](#) post, I summarized one of our few ‘rainy’ weekends together.

Thus, instead of spending Saturday evening writing my ‘Saturday Night Genealogy Fun’ post, I will be at Acorns Resort (or the Nut House) on Lake Milford with my brothers and their families. (This post was written Friday morning before heading to the lake.)



No promises — but there may be a ‘Saturday Night Genealogy Fun’ post on Sunday afternoon or evening.

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 8, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

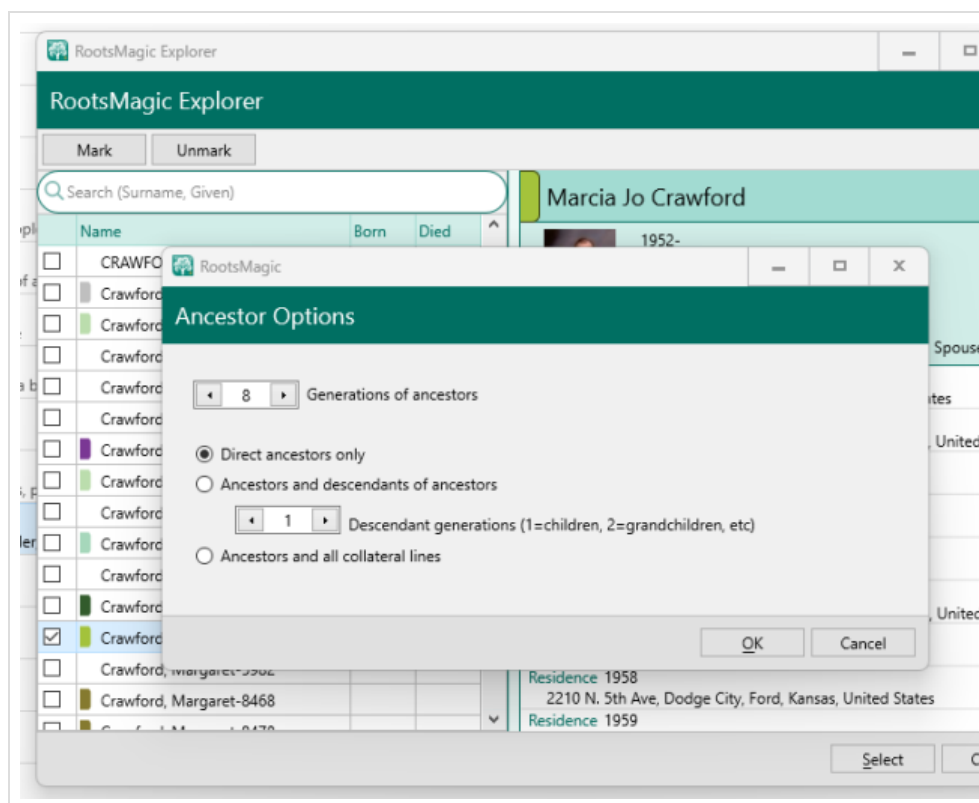
**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

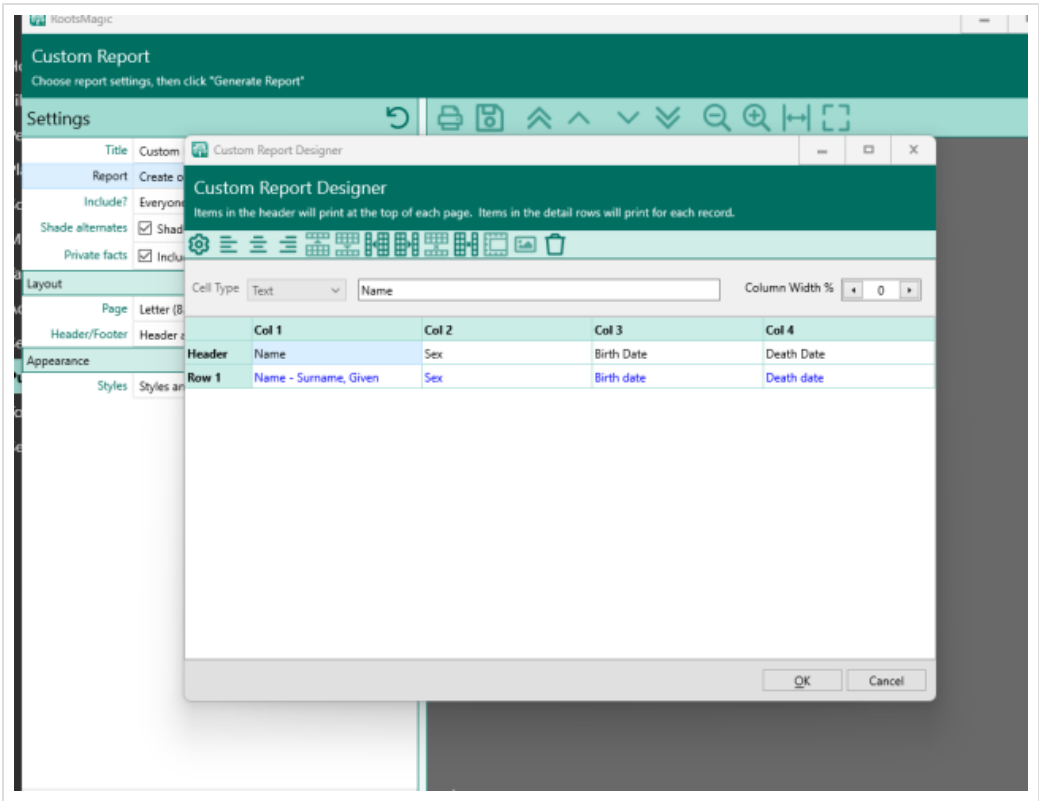
**1) Which of your known ancestors lived the shortest life? Consider only the last eight generations and those ancestors with a known birth and death date. Do you know the cause of death? Was there an obituary? How many children did s/he have? How did you figure this out?**

Randy, could you have thought up a more difficult set of questions to answer? As you pointed out in your post, there is no easy way to create a RootsMagic report showing age.

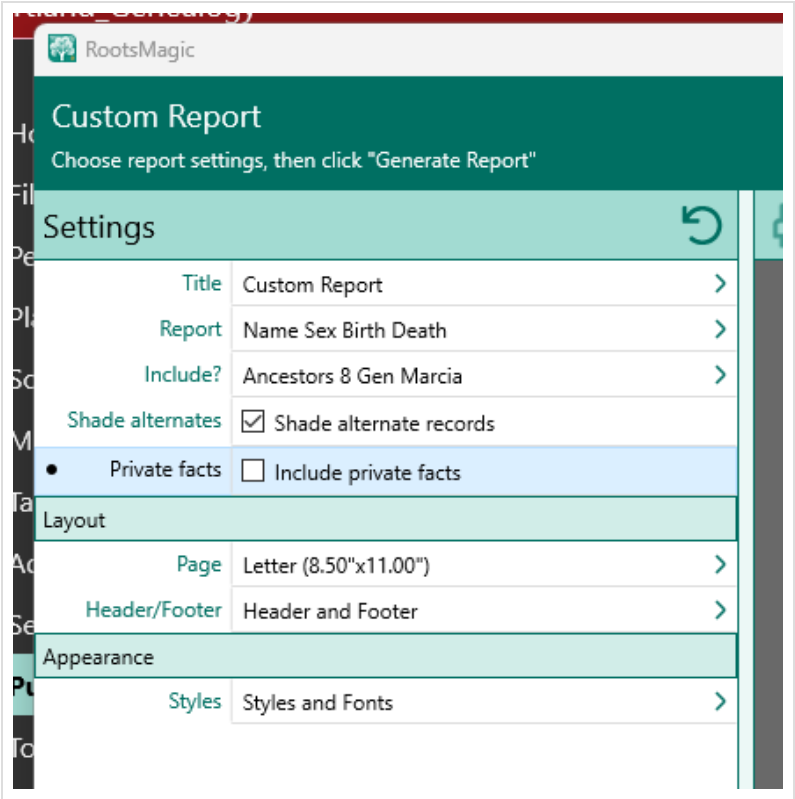
I did use RootsMagic to help with this. The first step involved the use of a custom group showing eight generations of ancestors. To create this group, I placed a check next to my name, clicked on MARK and then selected the 'Ancestors of Highlighted Person' option. This opened a window allowing me to set it to 8 generations.



Once I knew I had a group that could be used for a report, I tried to find a report showing ages. As Randy pointed out, this ability to print the age does not appear to exist. So, I turned to custom reports, hoping that I could cause the report to show the age. After verifying that this was not possible, I created a report showing the person's name, sex, birth date and death date.

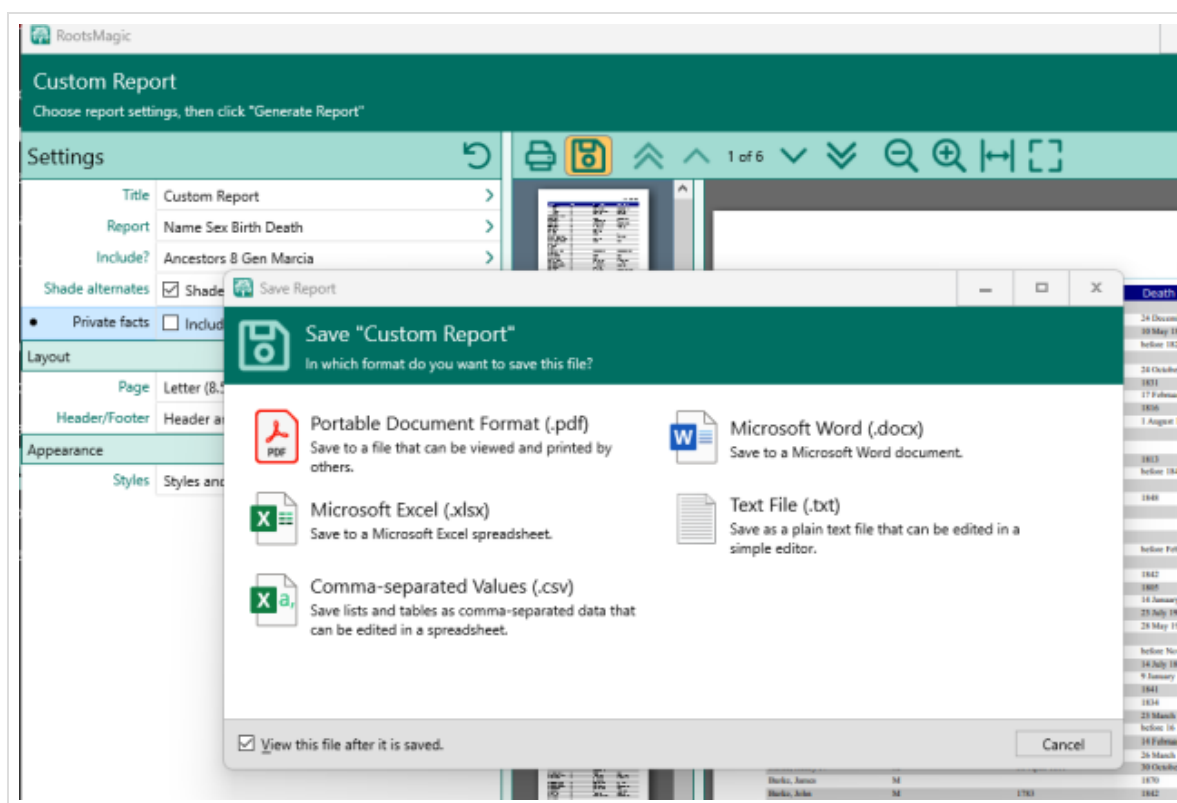


I then created a ‘Custom Report’ with my ‘Name Sex Birth Death’ report and my ‘Ancestors 8 gen’ group.





Once the report was generated, I clicked on the disc icon to save the report. I saved it as a .csv file.



After opening my csv file in Excel, I sorted by birth date so I could delete those individuals missing a birth date. Then I sorted by death date to removed those missing a death date. While I tried to use an excel formula to calculate an age, it proved difficult. One of the primary issues was the way the dates were displayed. Thus, I decided to add a column for birth year and death year and use a formula to pull the year from the date.

E2    X    ✓    fx    =RIGHT(C2,4)								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	Sex	Birth Date	Death Date	Birth Year	Death Yea	Age	
2	Merry, Sarah	F	1813 6 March 1845		1813	1845	32	
3	Peabody, Elizabeth	F	5 March 1783	12 March 1816	1783	1816	33	
4	Tucker, Dorothy	F	1740 21 December 1775		1740	1775	35	
5	Skelton, Jane	F	15 March 1755	1790	1755	1790	35	

F2          =RIGHT(D2,4)

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5	Skelton, Jane	F	15 March 1755	1790	1755	1790	35
6	Carter, Susannah	F	1739	1776	1739	1776	37

There were a few instances where I had to manually enter the years. However, the above formulas correctly pulled the years for most of the rows.

Once I had a birth year and a death year, I simply entered a fomula to calculate the age by subtracting the birth year from the death year.

G2          =F2-E2

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	Sex	Birth Date	Death Date	Birth Year	Death Yea	Age	
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4	Tucker, Dorothy	F	1740	21 December 1775	1740	1775	35	
5	Skelton, Jane	F	15 March 1755	1790	1755	1790	35	
6	Carter, Susannah	F	1739	1776	1739	1776	37	
7	Goodrich, Mary	F	1750	1788	1750	1788	38	

Now, I simply had to sort my spreadsheet by my age column. I actually sorted my spreadsheet by sex and then by age so that I could find the youngest male and youngest female ancestors.

### Female Ancestors – Shortest Lives

- Sarah Merry (1813-1845) – Aaron Hutchinson's wife; had 1 child who was 9 years old when she died
- Elizabeth Peabody (1783-1816) – Sarah Merry's mother; had 4 children
- Dorothy Tucker (1740-1775) – had 9 children; 9th child born same year she died
- Jane Skelton (1755-1790) – had 8 children; last child likely born same year she died

- Susannah Carter (1739-1776) – had 9 known children; youngest child was 3 when she died

### Male Ancestors – Shortest Lives

- Aaron Hutchinson (1803-1837) – Sarah Merry's husband; had 1 child who was 1 year old when he died
- Henry F. Burke (1811-1845) – had 5 children; youngest child was 1 year old when he died
- Ozias Wells (1795-1832) – had 7 children, youngest child was 1 year old when he died
- Noah Briles (1840-1870) – had 2 children' youngest childe was 10 years old when he died
- Henry Jones (1785-1826) – had 2 children; youngest child was 7 when he died

Of these 10 ancestors, I only have an obituary for one of them: my 2nd great grandfather, Noah Washington Briles. This is a very short obituary but it does identify the cause of death.



*Died*

*Briles – On Tuesday, July 15, at his home on Turkey Creek, of consumption of the stomach after a lingering illness of several years, Noah Briles, aged about 40 yea*

***"DIED," BURLINGTON DEMOCRAT (BURLINGTON, KANSAS), 18 JULY 1879, P. 3; DIGITAL IMAGE, NEWSPAPERS.COM (WWW.NEWSPAPERS.COM : VIEWED ONLINE JULY 2018).***

While I don't have an 'obituary' for Ozias Wells, his death is mentioned in the biography of his son, Benjamin F. Wells.



*Benjamin F. Wells was born in Madison Co., N.Y. March 27, 1819, the eldest o seven children; as liberally educated, and thoroughly instructed in the duties of farming. His father, Oziah Wells, was a native of*

*Massachusetts, and died at Princeton, N.J., his being the first pronounced death of that malignant disease, cholera, in the United States.*

**SAMUEL W. DURANT, HISTORY OF INGHAM AND EATON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN  
(PHILADELPHIA: D. W. ENSIGN & CO., 1880), PAGES 491-492; DIGITAL IMAGES,  
ARCHIVE.ORG, [HTTP://WWW.ARCHIVE.ORG](http://www.archive.org) VIEWED ONLINE 4 OCTOBER 2022.**

My post, The Big Ditch, discusses Ozias Wells' work on a canal and his subsequent death.

Thank you Randy for this challenging look at our ancestors.



# Witness

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 9, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CURREY, OHIO

Do you have an ancestral line where it is easy to find information connecting some of the children to the father but very difficult to connect your ancestor to his/her parent? That's my case with my CURREY research.

I have a Bible record indicating my 2nd great grandfather, Hiram M. Currey, was born in Peoria, Illinois in 1835. Assuming that the family did not move, the 1840 census only shows one possible parent, Hiram M. Currey. While I have accumulated quite a few details for about 30 years of this Hiram Currey's life, I am lacking sources connecting him to my 2nd great grandfather OR connecting him to his presumed father, Hiram M. Currey of Champaign and Franklin counties, Ohio.

I do have sources that tie some of Ohio's Hiram M. Currey to his children. Until recently, I had nothing tying Ohio's Hiram M. Currey to a son named Hiram M. Currey. When I located a Franklin county, Ohio mortgage deed involving Hiram M. Curry of Franklin county Ohio, I discovered that Hiram M. Curry Junr witnessed the deed. While this deed does not prove a father/son relationship, it does lend support to such a relationship.



*Franklin County Ohio  
Deeds*

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*Hiram M. Curry to G. Swan*

*Know all men by these presents*

*That I Hiram M. Curry of Franklin county in the State of Ohio for and in consideration of the full sum of Fifteen hundred dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained sold and conveyed and do by these presents give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto Gustavus Swan and his heirs and assigns forever Inlot number one hundred and ninety one on Broad Street in the town of Columbus. To have and to hold said inlot with the appurtenances unto him the said Gustavus Swan and unto his heirs and assigns forever. Provided and it is the express understanding of the parties to these presents that if the said Hiram M shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Gustavus Swan the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars in manner following to wit:*

*Seven hundred & fifty dollars in one year from the 23d day of May last and other seven hundred and fifty dollars in two year from said 23 day of May agreeable to the*

*page 67*

*condition of two several notes under seal of the date of the 23d day of May 1817. Then this obligation and all parts of it to be wholly void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.*

*Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of August AD 1817*

*Hiram M Currey (seal)*

*Eli C King*

*Hiram M. Curry Junr*



*The State of Ohio Franklin County SS*

*Personally before me came Hiram M Curry signer and sealer of the within deed and acknowledged the same to be his free and voluntary act. Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of August AD 1817*

*Eli C King Jus Peace (seal)*

*Filed August 9th 1817*

*Recorders Office Franklin County Ohio This Mortgage deed was recorded the 11th day of August 1817 In book NO. 1 folio 31 Exmd*

*Att*

*A J McDowell Recd*

*Original Record was destroyed by fire January 31st 1879*

*Re Recorded November 18 1887*

*M A Recorder*

**OHIO, FRANKLIN COUNTY. DEED RECORDS, 1804-1877. FILM #285068 DGS 7894604.**

**HIRAM M CURREY, 23 MAY 1817; VOL. 1: PAGE 66-67; DIGITIZED IMAGES,**

**FAMILYSEARCH [HTTP://WWW.FAMILYSEARCH.COM](http://www.familysearch.com) : VIEWED ONLINE 6 SEPTEMBER**

**2023.**



# Roy L. Fund

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 10, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY

## Killed in Action

### Draft Registration

”

*Full Name: Fund, Roy Lavere*

*Birth Date: 13 Jun 1919*

*Birth Place: Nemaha, Kansas, Usa*

*Race: White*

*Employer: Self – Farm*

*Weight: 175*

*Height: 5 10*

*Complexion: Dark Brown*

*Eye Color: Blue*

*Hair Color: Brown*

*Contact Person: Fund, William Howard*

*Relation to Head: Father*

*Year:*

*Residence: Goff, Nemaha, Kansas*

*Residence Country: USA*

*Registration Date: 16 Oct 1940*

## WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS FOR KANSAS

SERIAL NUMBER <b>1414</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>Roy Laverne Fund</b> (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER <b>1091</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>1 Goff Nemaha Kansas</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE <b>None</b>	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>21</b> DATE OF BIRTH <b>June 13, 1919</b> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Nemaha Kansas</b> (Town or county) (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U. S. A.</b>	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mr. William Howard Fund</b> (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>Father</b>	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>Self</b>				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS				

## Enlistment

”

*Full Name Roy L Fund*

*Army Serial Number 20725158*

*Enlistment Place Holton Kansas*

*Enlistment Date 23 Dec 1940*

*Army Branch Infantry*

*Service Branch Army*

*Race or Ethnicity White*

*Residence Nemaha County, Kansas*

*Source of Army Personnel National Guard*

*Army Component National Guard (Officers, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)*

*Level of Education Grammar school*

*Occupation Farm hands, general farms*

*Marital Status Single, without dependents*

*Birth Date 1919*

*Birth Place Kansas*

*Source Box Number 0358*

*Source Film Reel Number 3.79*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Served for United States of America*

## Camp Robinson



*Camp Robinson News*

*Cpl. William Geren, Pvt. Walter Clelland and Pvt Roy Fund, all of Company E 137th Infantry, were visiting friends in Btry D Sunday afternoon.*

**SABETHA HERALD (SABETHA, KS) 2 APRIL 1941 - PAGE 5**

## Surgery



*Private Roy Fund of the U.S. army is in a hospital at Springfield, Mo., for treatment of an injury at the base of the spine, which he received when a boy*

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 16 March 1942 – page 8

## Furlough

## ” Johnstone

*Pvt. Roy Fund is home on a 18 day furlough Roy has been recuperating in a Springfield hospital from a severe operation.*

**SABETHA HERALD (SABETHA, KS) 25 MARCH 1942 PAGE 7**

## Parent Visit

### ” “Northeast Items”

*Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fund spent the week-end in Springfield, Mo., with their son, P.F.C. Roy Fund and Oliver Hollands.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 4 JUN 1942 PAGE 8**

## Hospitalized with Mumps

” *Full Name Fund, Roy L*  
*Admission Date Jun 1944*  
*Military Service Number 20725158*  
*Length of Service No entry made*  
*Medical Diagnosis Diagnosis: Mumps*  
*Discharge Type Duty*  
*Discharge Date 1944*  
*Conflict Period World War II*  
*Served for United States of America*

**US WWII HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARD FILES, 1942-1954 (FOLD 3)****Injured**

*Full Name Fund, Roy L*

*Race White, includes Mexican*

*Admission Date Jul 1944*

*Admission Type of Injury Casualty, battle*

*Military Service Number 20725158*

*Rank Enlisted Man*

*Branch Infantry, General or Unspecified*

*Length of Service Unknown*

*Injured in Line of Duty In line of duty*

*Medical Diagnosis FirstLocation: Upper extremity: Scapular region;*

*CausativeAgent: Bullet, Missile Not Stated*

*Discharge Type Died*

*Discharge Date Jul 1944*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Served for United States of America*

**Cpl. Roy Fund Died in France**

*Was Killed July 14*

*Goff Soldier if First in Community Proper to Die in Action*

*Word was received Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fund, Goff, that their son, Cpl. Roy L. Fund, lot his life in action July 14, in France.*



*Information came from the War Department.*

*The Goff community was saddened yesterday when word came of the death of Roy Fund, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. fund, farmers of the community northeast of Goff. Roy gave his life for this country on July 14 in France and is the first soldier from Goff to pay the supreme sacrifice.*

*Roy was in his late 20's and had been in the service more than two years. He was with an infantry division and had been overseas only about three months. On D-Day he was ill with mumps in England.*

*Roy has four brothers, Mirl, Walter, Dale and Harold, who with the parents and a host of friends will mourn his early death.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 3 AUGUST 1944 PAGE 1**

## Telegram



*Goff*

*The community was deeply touched Wednesday when the telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fund, stating their youngest son, Sgt. Roy Fund, with the armed forces overseas, in France, had been killed in action. This is our first death. Roy was born July 13, 1919 at the family home northeast of Goff and met his death July 14, 1944. He had been engaged in farming with his father before his enlistment with the National Guards at Holton, 4 years ago this November. The telegram from the War Department stated a letter would follow giving more details, after which a memorial service will be held and a complete obituary will be given. Mr. and Mrs. Fund and the older brothers and their families have the sincere sympathy of all in their great sacrifice.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 7 AUG 1944 - PAGE 6**

## Goff Soldier Killed in France

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*Roy was in his late 20's and had been in the service more than two years. He was with an infantry division and had been overseas only about three months. On D-day he was ill with mumps in England. Roy has four brothers, Mirl, Walter, Dale and Harold. – Seneca Courier-Tribune*

*Fund was a nephew of Mrs. Louis Moser of Sabetha. His father was reared in Sabetha.*

**SABETHA HERALD (SABETHA, KS) 9 AUGUST 1944 - PAGE 1**

## Memorial

” *Goff*

*Rev Walter Carson of Christian church of Soldier, will deliver the message at the Roy Fund Memorial, Sept. 10 at the High School auditorium. The Heald-Thieme Post of the American Legion will have charge of the service.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 4 SEP 1944 PAGE 6**

## Killed in Action



*Full Name Fund, Roy L*

*Serial number 20725158*

*Rank SGT*

*Type of casualty KIA*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Served for United States of America*

**US WORLD WAR II HONOR LIST OF DEAD AND MISSING ARMY AND ARMY AIR FORCES  
PERSONNEL, 1946 (FOLD3)**

## World War II Dead



*Full name Fund, Roy L*

*Gender Male*

*Race White*

*Religion Protestant*

*Branch Army*

*Service Number 20725158*

*Rank Sergeant*

*Burial Cemetery Plot j 2 24*

*Burial Cemetery Saint Laurent (Permanent Cemetery), Saint Laurent,  
France*

*Notes According to next of kin*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Served for United States of America*

**US ROSTERS OF WORLD WAR II DEAD, 1939-1945 (FOLD3)**

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2300		FUNARI CHARLES T	PFC	20270968 1	7740	2 1 1
5202 F 6	5	FUNARI JOSEPH J	PVT	33408783 1	5265	2 1 1
2200		FUNARI ROBERT JR	PFC	42081722 1	3574	2 1 1
1100		FUNARO ROBERT P	PVT	963051 3	8072	2 1 1
		FUNCHEON DONALD H	1 LT 0	667687 1		2 1 1 6
2200		FUNCHEON RAYMOND H	PVT	32595095 1	5260	1 1 1
3504 B 12	12	FUNCHESS ROBERT L	PFC	39707349 1	3594	1 1 1
5202 E 13	27	FUNCHION KENNETH C	CPL	35327303 1	5250	2 1 1
		FUNCK LOUIS J	COX	2743653 2		6 1 6
3505 J 2	24	FUND ROY L	SGT	20725158 1	3539	1 1 1
6200		FUNDANENSKY H L	PVT	36884525 1	3584	3 1 1
7400		FUNDYDAUN IVER I	PFC	37289865 1	5250	1 1 1
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1202 D 36	15	FUNDERBURK FRED M	PVT	34779655 1	1260	1 1 1
4100		FUNDERBURK JAMES E	PVT	34163329 1	8078	1 1 1
4700		FUNDERBURK HARTON S	SGT	14007755 1	3578	1 1 1

## Burial



*Full Name Roy L Fund*

*State of Residence Kansas*

*Death 14-Jul-44*

*Death Date 14 Jul 1944*

*Buried Buried at: Plot J Row 2 Grave 24 Normandy American Cemetery*

*Colleville-sur-Mer, France Memorial Location*

*Plot J Row 2 Grave 24*

*Memorial Cemetery Normandy American Cemetery*

*Memorial Country Colleville-sur-Mer, France*

*Rank Sergeant, U.S. Army*

*Service Number 20725158*

*Regiment 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division*

*Conflict Period World War II*

*Awards Purple Heart*

*Served for United States of America*

**US, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, 1914-1950 (FOLD 3)**




Photo added by Bram Temmerman

## Sgt Roy Laverre Fund

**BIRTH** 13 Jun 1919  
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 14 Jul 1944 (aged 25)  
France

**BURIAL** Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial  
Colleville-sur-Mer, Departement du Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France [Add to map](#)


**PLOT** Plot J Row 2 Grave 24

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Roy L. Fund  
Sergeant, U.S. Army  
137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division  
Entered the Service from: Kansas  
Died: 14-Jul-44  
Buried at: Plot J Row 2 Grave 24  
Normandy American Cemetery  
Colleville-sur-Mer, France  
Awards: Purple Heart  
\*\*\*\*\*  
NARA War Department records list this soldiers Home of Record as Nemaha County, Kansas...Killed In Action.



# Newspaper Searches

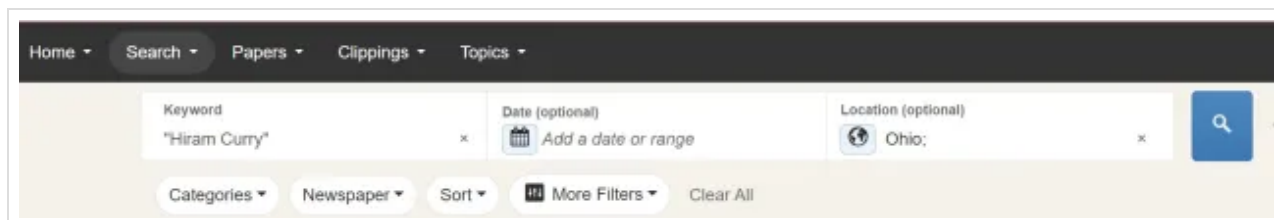
BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 11, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CURREY, OHIO

Have you searched newspapers for your ancestors? If so, have you ever done a search for a time period outside of their lifespan?

While trying to ‘clean’ up my citations for Hiram Mirick Currey of early Ohio, I came across a citation from the book, *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers, 1793-1810*. According to my notes, ‘Rev. Hiram Miram Curry will preach a sermon after the Masonic oration.’ Hoping to find the original article, I started looking in newspapers.

A screenshot of a newspaper search interface. At the top is a dark navigation bar with links: Home, Search, Papers, Clippings, and Topics. Below this is a search form with three main input areas: 'Keyword' containing 'Hiram Curry', 'Date (optional)' with a calendar icon and the text 'Add a date or range', and 'Location (optional)' with a globe icon and 'Ohio;'. To the right of these is a blue search button with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are several filter buttons: 'Categories', 'Newspaper', 'Sort', 'More Filters', and 'Clear All'.

While I haven’t found the original article, my ‘generic’ search for Curry in Ohio newspapers turned up some wonderful articles that appeared in newspapers well after his death.

Some of these articles were written as ‘anniversary’ articles.



## Church reaches 150th year

The Jersey Unitarian Universalist Church was founded in 1825 and recently celebrated its 150th year of service to Liberal Religion in Licking County Sunday.

Jersey is the oldest congregation of the Universalist faith in Ohio to have continuous service. Only the St. John's Unitarian Church of Cincinnati is older having been organized in 1814. The parent dominations of the two churches merged in 1961 to form the Unitarian Universalist Association.

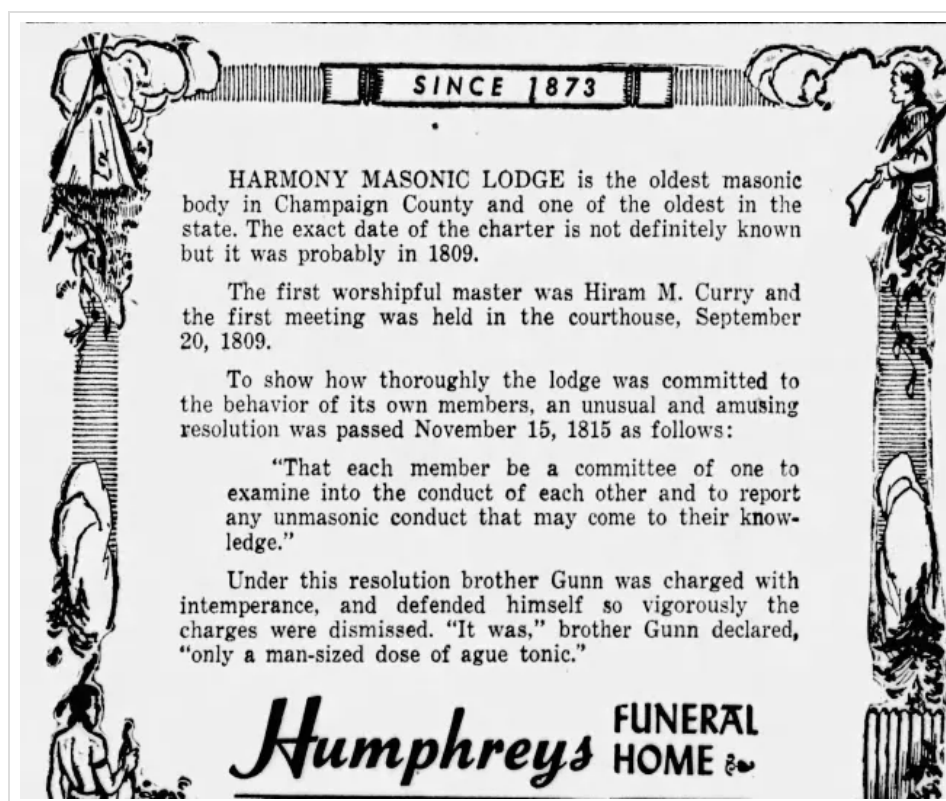
The establishment of the church dates back to 1812, when Universalists began meeting in the home of Michael Beem, a Revolutionary War soldier and friend of George Washington whose farm is now owned by Carl Fattig on Co.Rd. 41. A few sermons were preached in 1824 by the Rev. Hiram Curry in a barn which stood across from the Beem home and a church was organized in 1825. The present church edifice was built in 1877 and replaced on which was destroyed by fire in 1840 on the same site. Church school was been con-

ducted from the beginning.

Jersey church is located four miles east of New Albany on Ohio 161 at the junction of Co.Rd. 88.

Congressman John M. Ashbrook, 17th district, gave an address Sunday following a basket dinner. The Rev. William J. Myers, minister, spoke at the 11 a.m. service of inspiration. Congressman Ashbrook also dedicated a flag pole being erected in honor of the late John Blosser, a friend of Jersey Church.

"Church reaches 150th year," The Newark Advocate (Newark, Ohio), 24 October 1975, page 8; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 8 September 2023).



**SINCE 1873**

HARMONY MASONIC LODGE is the oldest masonic body in Champaign County and one of the oldest in the state. The exact date of the charter is not definitely known but it was probably in 1809.

The first worshipful master was Hiram M. Curry and the first meeting was held in the courthouse, September 20, 1809.

To show how thoroughly the lodge was committed to the behavior of its own members, an unusual and amusing resolution was passed November 15, 1815 as follows:

"That each member be a committee of one to examine into the conduct of each other and to report any unmasonic conduct that may come to their knowledge."

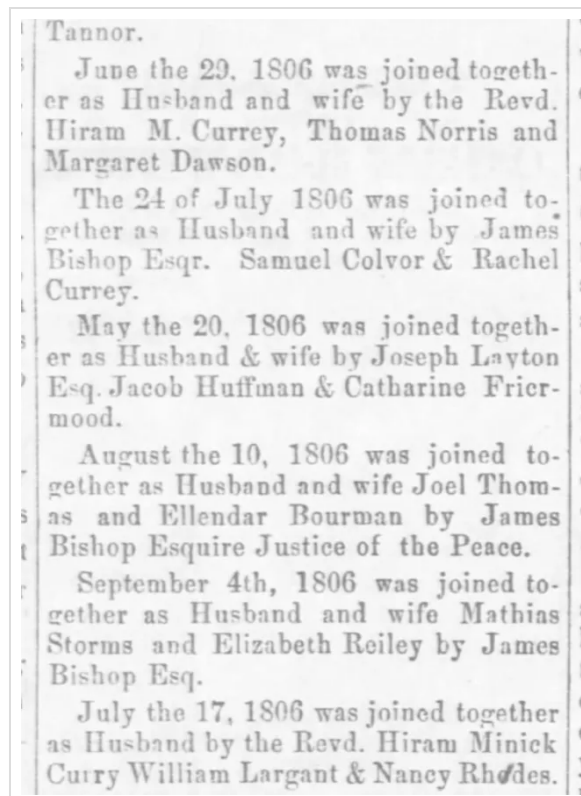
Under this resolution brother Gunn was charged with intemperance, and defended himself so vigorously the charges were dismissed. "It was," brother Gunn declared, "only a man-sized dose of ague tonic."

**Humphreys FUNERAL HOME**

"Since 1873," The Urbana Daily Citizen (Urbana, Ohio), 13 April 1948, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 8 September 2023).

Others were 'reprints' of information found in the county histories. Since Hiram Curry was a minister, many of these 'reprints' refer to marriages that he performed, Not only did I find several of these marriages, but I also found the information for one of his daughters, Rachel Currey who married Samuel Colvor.





“History of Champaign County, Ohio,” Urbana Union (Urbana, Ohio), 31 July 1867, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 8 September 2023).

Since Hiram M. Curry was fairly famous in early Ohio, I expected to find articles during his lifetime. I did not expect to find this wealth of articles in more recent papers. I was particularly surprised by the articles recounting the early marriages in Champaign county.

While I may not try such a broad search for more common names, these results do show that such searching can prove beneficial.

- “Solons of the Past,” The Urbana Daily Citizen (Urbana, Ohio), 26 March 1889, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 8 September 2023).
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- “Ohio Sketches,” Springfield News-Sun (Springfield, Ohio), 18 March 1929, page 4; digital edition, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 8 September 2023).
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# Scandal

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

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/ CATEGORIES: CURREY, OHIO

Were any of your ancestors involved in a scandal? Well, my CURREY line leads back to someone who was fairly prominent for a short time and then seems to disappear.

Hiram Mirrick Currey was a member of the General Assembly of Ohio in 1811. In 1816, he was elected treasurer for the state of Ohio. Four years later, he resigned from his position as Treasurer. By 1822, Hiram Currey was named in a resolution authorizing the Ohio Treasurer to receive real estate from Hiram M. Curry.

While bits and pieces of this ‘story’ appear in various newspapers and official Ohio publications, it wasn’t until I by chance did a search for Hiram Currey on Newspapers.com with no date restriction. This search unearthed a lengthy article about the Ohio treasury. Buried in the article are details about the scandal involving Hiram M. Curry.

While I don’t know Hiram Curry’s side of the story or what happened to him afterwards, this article explains why he resigned from office in disgrace.



*Brief History of the Ohio Treasury*

*With some Account of its Tribulations and State Finances  
from 1802 to 1857*

*By Wm. T. Coggeshall*

*When the Northwest Territory was organized, the Territorial Secretary  
reported to the General Government, the receipts and disbursements of*

*officers appointed to administer its affairs.*

*In August, 1792, the Judges of the Territory, who were then law makers as well as law expounders, created the office of Treasurer General, requiring that he should give a bond to the amount of \$4,000, and ordering that as payment for his services he might retain five per centum of all the moneys passing through his hands.*

*In December, 1799, the Territorial Legislature established the offices of Auditor and Treasurer. The salary of the latter was fixed at \$400, and a bond of \$20,000 was required of him.*

*The Territorial Treasurer was John Armstrong. His accounts were examined by Legislative Committees, and both Territorial and State Legislatures were informed that the public moneys had not been used by him without authority of law.*

*When, in 1802, the State of Ohio was organized, Wm. McFarland was elected Treasurer. He continued in office till 1816. His salary was at first \$400, without any specification respecting stationary and clerk hire. The Legislature having been called upon to provide for the payment of two or three bills of \$10 each, for stationary, it was enacted that the salary of the Treasurer should be \$400 per annum, including stationery and clerk hire, but he was for ten or twelve years allowed a small per cent, for disbursement of the three percent fund. A Legislative Committee, authorized in 1803, to investigate the Treasury, made the following statement:*

*Taxes levied for 1802 \$22,923 09  
Balances in hands Collectors and  
Receivers 3,174 50*

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*\$26,097 68*

*From which deduct —*  
*For collection of tax-*  
*es, 1802 \$1,604 61*  
*Defalcations for dou-*  
*ble entries 700 00*  
*Fourth part of tax di-*  
*rected to be put in*  
*co'nty treasury 5,154 62*  
*Amount of tax absorb-*  
*ed in redemption of*  
*audited certificates 5,945 90*  
*Audited certificates in*  
*circulation 1,758 00*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$11,834 55

*To this add —*  
*Fifty per cent of tax of 1802 to be*  
*returned to Auditor \$ 1,626 94*  
*Interest on tax of 1802 337 54*  
*Balance in Treasury 132 71*

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*To meet expenses of Constitutional*  
*Convention \$13,951 74*

*The Treasurer was required to submit his books to the Legislature whenever requested, was denied any emolument out of the use of State funds, and was subject to a fine of \$1,000 for abuse of trust.*

*Mr. McFarland was frequently visited by Legislative committees, and his accounts were always satisfactory. When he became Treasurer, the funds of the State were derived exclusively from taxation of lands and personal property ; but when he retired from office (1816) the State derived a revenue from banks of \$5,676 76 and had a loan of \$47,000 from the Miami*

*Exporting Company, of \$20,000 from the bank of Muskingum and of \$37,000 from the bank of Chillicothe. Mr. McFarland disbursed the fiscal year of 1816, from the revenues that have been mentioned, the sum of \$312,475, of which \$88,527 formed the quota for the State of Ohio of the direct tax levied by order of the General Government to pay the expense of the war of 1812.*

*In addition to the moneys thus derived, the Treasurer, under a law of 1803, received and disbursed the U.S. three percent fund. During the year 1816 the sum of twelve thousand and seven hundred dollars was received, and thirty-six thousand and thirty one dollars disbursed, leaving in the treasury when Mr. McFarland made his last report fifteen thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars. This fund arose from the setting apart of thre per cent of all the money received form the sale of public lands within the State for the making of roads in Ohio.*

*Wm. McFarland was succeeded by Hiram Mirrick Curry, who by his election was treasurer until December 13, 1819, when he was re-elected for the term of three years.*

*On the 5th of January, 1820, a committee of the House made a report that the books in the Treasury were properly kept, and that the vouchers held by the Treasurer agreed with his report to the Legislature.*

*Subsequent rumors not complimentary to Mr. Currey, in his official capacity, led to a second report with a "pertinent description" of all funds in the Treasury. The Auditor of State was then authorized to examine the Treasury and report its condition, and a special committee was appointed to examine the vaults of the Treasury. The Auditor laid a communication before the House on the 15th of February, showing a total balance against the Treasurer of one hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighteen cents. The following day (February 15th, 1820) the select committee reported that on the 11th of February they waited upon the Treasurer and requested him to lock and seal the vaults*

*of the Treasury. The Treasurer requested a delay until the next day, and an arrangement was made with the Treasurer by which the chairman of the committee, Mr. McConnel, of Muskingum, retained the key of the strong chest in the vault and the key of the outward door, while the Treasurer retained the key of the inner vault door. When the Treasurer closed his office the committee occupied the Governor's Room opposite the Treasury, in what has since been known as "Rat Row" (the building lately removed from High street, in front of the State House, and about to be employed in the erection of an Asylum for Idiots, on Friend st., opposite Blind Asylum). Lest some,*

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*mischief might be done they kept close watch during the night.*

*On the morning of February 12, the committee held a second interview with the Treasurer, when he assured the committee that he would resign his office on Monday, the 14th. An examination was, therefore, postponed, the committee retaining the keys of which the chairman had possession, and Mr. Curry keeping that of the inner vault-door.*

*On Monday morning, the Treasurer reported that his securities had directed him not to resign, but upon a demand from the Committee, he permitted them to examine the funds each, the Treasurer and the Chairman unlocking, as occasion required, the doors of which they respectively held keys. On the evening of February 16th, the examination was completed and the Committee found —*

*Balance charged against Treasu*

*rer \$182,748 79*

*Funds in the treasury to meet it 171,317 01*

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*Leaving a deficit of 11,431 78*

*During the examination upon which this state of things was revealed, the Treasurer had resigned. Resolutions of impeachment for mal-conduct had been proposed, and in the midst of the warm excitement much indignation was expressed. The Committee which exposed the deficit as above stated, recommended that the keys of the vault be entrusted to the Governor. Their resolution to this effect was adopted, and with the slight amendment, the Senate accepted the action of the House.*

*On the 17th of February, 1820, Samuel Sullivan, then a Senator from Muskingum county, was elected in the place of Mr. Curry. On the 23d, the Select Committee, which had examined the Treasury, reported that they had delivered to Mr. Sullivan the keys of the vaults, and that the late Treasurer, Mr. Curry, had stated in the presence of the Governor that he was satisfied no "alteration" had meantime been made in the funds, and that no violence had been done to the Treasury.*

*Before the Legislature adjourned a resolution was passed instructing the Treasurer to get all notes and bills in the Treasury cashed if possible, and to secure a final settlement with H. M. Curry, authorizing a suit to be brought against him, if a settlement could not be otherwise effected.*

*Various loans and deposits had been authorized by law between, 1802 and 1820, and non-disposable funds from other sources had accumulated in the Treasury.*

*On the 4th of December, 1820, Mr. Sullivan reported the amount of those funds to be \$33,9033 06 He then stated the obligations in favor of the State, for authorized loans, to the amount of \$6,582 66 on which, in compliance with the resolution of the eighteenth General Assembly, he had collected \$333 33.*

*Nothing had yet been accomplished toward a settlement with Hiram Curry and on the 20th of December, 1820, a committee was appointed by the House of Representatives, instructed to demand of Hiram M. Curry to*



*show cause why he should not pay the deficit with which he stood charged. The Auditor had reported that, upon final calculation the deficit was found to be \$11,111 89.*

*The committee addressed a letter of inquiry to Mr. Curry. He responded that he did not stand a public defaulter to the amount reported by the Auditor; claimed the investigating committee had been too hasty; charged that they had not taken proper pains to guard the treasury while they had charge of the keys; admitted a deficit, but before God declared that if it did not arise from inaccurate accounts, and from the exchange of depreciated paper he could not tell the cause. He solicited further investigation of his accounts, was willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to have the "unfortunate business adjusted," stating that he had three lots in Columbus, and a small farm in Champaign county, which he would cheerfully appropriate to the discharge of any just balance due the State.*

*These statements of Mr. Curry were reported to the House, and the committee responded to them, that after a candid and full examination of the whole subject, "it was their opinion no alternative remained for the State short of placing the bond of Mr. Curry in suit." A resolution authorizing a prosecution against Mr. Curry and his sureties was the following day adopted in the House and was immediately accepted by the Senate.*

*ON the 29th of January, 1851 (not this is likely a typo and probably should be 1821), a committee reported that the treasury was probably in debt \$30,000 and that about the at sum over and above the ordinary revenue would be required in that year, to meet which, the State had —*

*Due from H. M. Curry \$11,111 89  
Sundry individuals for loans 5,582 66  
Depreciated paper, amounting to  
\$20,000 of which real value  
was 12,000 00*

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\$29,694 55

*To meet the deficiency exposed by the committee, a loan of \$20,000 was recommended authorized.*

*Loans and transfers from one hand to another, and from banks and from individuals, have frequently been authorized since that period. Their history, amount or character need not here be traced.*

*Contingent bonds were, in 1820, a new "feature" of public expense. Mr. Sullivan reported in 1821 a "Contingent" expenditure of \$44 01. The salary of the treasurer was then \$1,000, and his bonds were 50,000.*

*The settlement of Mr. Curry's accounts, or rather effort to secure a satisfactory settlement, caused considerable excitement in the 22d, 23d and 24th General Assemblies, but transfers of property were finally accepted and suits which had been instituted against him and against his securities were ordered to be discontinued. Mr. Curry having paid the principal of the sum due, the Auditor of State was, on the 14th of February, 1824, directed to release the parties upon the payment by them of all costs which had accrued before July 30th, 1822, discharging Curry and securities from all claims for interest upon the deficit which has been reported.*

*Some tribulation was occasioned in the treasury on a count of difficulties arising out of a tax on the branches of the United States Bank in Ohio, amounting to over \$98,000, and in 1822 Samuel Sullivan, the treasurer was taken into custody, while United States officers removed from the treasury the proceeds of the tax, upon which there had been an injunction for some time, and which had been an injunction for some time, and which had been kept separate from other funds. Those who are at all familiar with the history of the*

*State need not be told that our Legislators were obliged, by decisions in the U.S. Courts to forego any revenue by taxation upon the branches of the Federal Bank.*

*Minor troubles were, from time to time, occasioned by depreciated paper, and by the failure of the Miami Exporting, the Urbana Banking, and other companies, to repay deposits and redeem their notes, but no circumstances occasioned an extra examination of the treasury until 1847, with the exception of a robbery in 1827. On the night of the 6th of May, in that year, (Henry Brown, treasurer,) the person who was employed to watch the treasury at night, being absent, the vaults were broken int and \$12,657 98 were abstracted.*

*The treasurer was active in an investigation of the circumstances attending the robbery, and by the peculiar detective ingenuity of one of the officers employed, suspicion was rightly directed. A citizen of Columbus, not before suspected of rascality, was arrested and \$11,627 66 of the stolen funds (\$9,979 in bank bills, and \$1,64866 in specie) were recovered, leaving a deficit of \$1,030 43 which the Legislature ordered to be passed to the credit of the treasurer, together with the costs of the suit by which the robber had been convicted.*

*Meantime, as the finances became more complicated — the income from teh School bonds having grown large — a canal fund having been created in 1824 — the surplus revenue from the United States having in 1836 required management and appropriation, the Penitentiary giving and receiving funds, and other institutions requiring appropriates and disbursements, various laws were enacted changing and enhancing the treasurer's responsibilities, and throwing guards around the disposal and disbursement of public moneys.*

*In 1822 a Senate Committee had recommended the establishment of a fiscal year, and the 15th of November was declared (by a law passed on the 29th of January) to be the period up to which, in each year, the*

*Auditor should render account, but it was not until 1831 that any authorized assistant was given to the treasurer. The treasury has now three clerks, besides the Bank Register. IT had only one from 1831 to 1847.*

*Before inquiring into the difficulties which occasioned an extra investigation of the treasurer in 1847, it will be interesting to consider some tabular statements which expose the responsibilities and rewards of treasurers at different periods.*

*I present first a*

*Statement of Funds in the Treasury at  
Different Periods*

*Amounts disbursed Balance in Treas- during the ury at time of  
Years Fiscal Year Annual Report*

*1802 26,097 68 132 71*

*1803 8,804 39 733 53*

*1804 16,407 15 14 57*

*1805 22,037 10 161 21*

*1810 34,494 56 70*

*1815 270,400 72 5,032 53*

*1825 257,742 47 55,358 41*

*1835 313, 43 91 111,577 41*

*1845 1,809,937 68 232,594 20*

*1855 4,216,168 24 683,574 90*

*1856 4,181,740 44 350,548 59*

*It will not be overlooked that the funds in 1815 exceeded those of 1825. This appears very strange without explanation. It is accounted for by the fact that in 1815, Ohio paid \$177,055 24 direct tax to the United States — leaving \$93,345 48 as the money raised for her own purposes.*

*To a statement of the bonds and salaries of Treasurers between 1792 and 1857, I now invite attention. Whoever studies it with a knowledge of political movements in Ohio, may read therefrom political history that is interesting.*

### *Salaries and Bonds of Ohio Treasurers*

*Amount Annual Amount of*

*Date Salaries Bonds*

*1792 5 per cent \$400*

*1799 \$400 20,000*

*1802 400 20,000*

*1805 400 5,000*

*1809 500 10,000*

*1814 600 10,000*

*1816 700 50,000*

*1819 1,000 50,000*

*1820 1,000 150,000*

*1824 800 150,000*

*1831 800 250,000*

*1837 1,000 250,000*

*1844 730 250,000*

*1846 1,000 250,000*

*1852 1,500 250,000*

*By the Legislature of 1845-6, a committee was appointed to investigate the financial operation of the Board of Public Works. That Committee made a voluminous report to the succeeding Legislature (1846-7) It was uncompromising, and caused wide-spread political excitement. The General Assembly which received it, probably to offset its political influence — the Board of Public Works being Democratic — ordered an inquest upon the treasury, Joseph Whitehill, a Whig, being Treasurer.*

*The Treasury Committee sat during the summer of 1847, and reported to the Legislature which met in December of that year. — The investigation was thorough, and the report temperate and candid. It made an exposition of State Finances, and complained vigorously of a careless and responsible system of book-keeping practiced in the treasury.*

*A. A. Bliss succeeded Mr. Whitehill. An apparent deficit of \$6,000 was then exposed. Mr. Whitehill claimed that he had paid a note to the Franklin Bank of Columbus for the State for that sum, which not having been recognized on the Auditor's Book by means of a certified warrant, had not been passed to his credit. Various unsuccessful attempts to adjust the claim were made by Mr. Whitehill, but it was not accomplished until after the Finance Committee appointed in April, 1856, had reported to the second session of the Fifty-second General Assembly (1857). That Committee expressed full conviction that Mr. Whitehill had been unjustly held responsible, and credit for \$8,000 ordered to be made in his favor on the books of the Treasury.*

*We now invite attention to a statement of*

#### *Reported Deficits in the Ohio Treasury*

##### *When Ascertained Amount*

*1820 \$11,111 89*

*1847 6,000 00*

*1852 65,000 00*

*1856 204,633 77*

*1857 549,892 21*

*The Finance Committee of 1856 first made*

*column 4*

*public the details of the deficit charged against A. A. Bliss. Mr. Breslin, who succeeded him, protected Mr. Bliss from exposure, by the manner in*

*which he made his reports and Bliss secured Breslin from loss. He finally paid to the State (in 1856) all the money for which he did not account when he left office in 1852.*

*Breslin's deficit (1856) was alleged by him to have been occasioned by the failure of parties with whom he had deposited*

*City Bank of Cincin \$79,811 95*

*Daniel Beekel of Dayton 50,785 48*

*W. W. Cines & Co. Cin 47,168 11*

*Com. Bank Toledo 26,271 23*

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*Total \$204636 77*

*Beekel has paid into the Treasury \$1,000. It is understood that the balance of the claim against him has been secured by mortgage on property. To ascertain whethere the other sums can be recovered, suits against Mr. Breslin's securities were ordered by the last Legislature.*

*Wm. H. Gibson was elected Treasurer in place of John G. Brslin, in the fall of 1856. The Treasury under his control was subjected to the investigation of a Senate Financial Committee in the winter of 1856, was examined by a joint (special) Financial Committee in the summer of 1856, and was examined by the Auditor in the winter of 1857 — all of which failed to expose official neglect or misconduct on the part of the Treasurer.*

*The investigations led, however, to stringent laws, imposing checks ont he Treasury, and authorizing special examinations under the direction of the Governor and the Auditor.*

*In spite of suspicions and investigations, Mr. Gibson maintained the credit of the Treasury, and his own official standing until a draft had been made upon him to meet the July interest. On the 13th of June, 1857, he*

*acknowledged a deficit of \$549,892 21, arising, he declared, from detalcations of John G. Breslin, which he had concealed.*

*Mr. Gibson was immediately constrained to resign, A. P. Stone, of Columbus, was appointed in his place, and an examination of the Treasury at once required by the Governor.*

*The peculiar circumstances attending Mr. Gibson's resignation — the present condition of the treasury — the facts respecting any mal-administration or breach of trust by John G. Breslin — are being investigated by the Examiner, whom the governor has appointed, and no attempt need here e made to anticipate his developments.*

*A proper conclusion to this outline of treasury history is a statement of teh names and terms of Ohio Treasurers*

### *The Treasurers and Their Terms of Office*

#### *Names of Treasurer Terms of Office*

*John Armstrong 1792 to 1802*

*Wm. McFarland 1802 to 1816*

*Hiram M Currey 1816 to 1820*

*Samuel Sullivan 1820 to 1822*

*Henry Brown 1822 to 1834*

*Joseph Whitehill 1834 to 1847*

*A. A. Bliss 1847 to 1852*

*John G. Breslin 1852 to 1856*

*Wm. H. Gibson 1856 to 1857*

*A. P. Stone 1857 to 1858*

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# Friday Finds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

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/ CATEGORIES: INDIANA, RICKETTS

Have you ever looked in a county history of an adjoining county for mention of an ancestral family? While my RICKETTS family lived in Clinton County, Indiana, and Fleming County, Kentucky, I at one time took notes from a history of Rush County, Indiana.

Source	Hist of Rush Co IN	c1888	Depository	THS
Surnames	Ricketts		Date searched	6/16
p 361				
William Ricketts farmer Anderson twp				
b. Fleming Co KY 21 mar 1820				
son of Edward & Sarah (Storey) Ricketts				
Scotch-Welsh				
Edward b. 1787 PA d. Rush Co IN 8 Sep 1838				
Sarah b. 1789 KY d. 1854 Rush Co IN				
paternal grand father John Ricketts Pennsylvanian 1 of 1st settlers of KY died KY				
family emigrated to Rush Co 1831 settled 4 miles NE of Milroy				
William - student Pleasant Run Schoolhouse				
teacher Greene Co one year				
md 31 Jan 1850 Nancy J. maunt				
<pre>       John             Edward             William             Sarah Storey           </pre>				

Instead of finding anything about my ancestor, John Ricketts, his wife Orilda Reed or her parents, I took notes about John's brother, William. This biography provides information about William's (and thus John's) parents and grandfather.

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*William Ricketts, one of the principal farmers of Anderson Township, was born in Fleming County, Ky., March 21, 1820, **son of Edward and Sarah (Storey) Ricketts**, and is of Scotch-Welsh origin. **His father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1787, and died in Rush County, September 8, 1838. His mother was born in Kentucky, in 1789 and died in Rush County, in 1854. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Ricketts**, a Pennsylvanian, and was one of the first settlers of Kentucky, and died in that state. The Ricketts family emigrated to Rush County, in 1831, and settled four miles northeast of Milroy. That portion of the county in that day was almost an unbroken wilderness. When the subject of this sketch was sixteen years of age or in the fall of the year 1836, as he was returning home from Jacob Plough, he met in the dense woods a large, black bear, and this perhaps was the last bear ever seen in this neighborhood. Mr. Ricketts was raised on the farm, and was a student at the Pleasant Run Schoolhouse. At nineteen years of age he went to Greene County, and there taught school one winter. In 1848, he settled on a farm just below Milroy, and there remained until 1864, he then moved to Greensburg and there remained until 1879, when he came back to Anderson Township and settled where he now lives. He owns 188 acres of well improved land. He was married January 31,*

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*1850, to Miss Nancy J. Maunt, who was born in Anderson Township, July 19, 1830; she was the daughter of William and Catherine Maunt early settlers of this county. From 1854 to 1858 he served as Justice of the Peace. He was elected Township Trustee of this township, in 1859, and re-elected in 1860, and also in 1861. Mr. Ricketts was formerly a Whig, but is now a staunch Republican. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and are among the most highly respected people of this part of Rush County.*

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1856. They have one child, Mary E.

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# Saturday Tidbits

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/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

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## List Nemaha Serial Numbers for the Draft

### Over 1600 names are in the County Roll

A Master List Will Be Chosen in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday to Determine Order in Which Local  
Numbers Will Be Called

The Courier-Tribune prints today a list of names and numbers important to almost every home in Nemaha county. It is the list of men between ages of 21 and 36 who enrolled on Wednesday, October 16th, for possible service to their country, and with each man's name, the county serial number which has been drawn for him by the local draft board.

The arrangement is by number rather than by names because numbers will be the important thing next Tuesday, October 29th, when a master list is to be drawn at Washington, D.C. to determine the order in which local numbers will be called. President Roosevelt will draw the first number.

The local drawing and listing was completed Tuesday except perhaps for a few straggling cards. The board officially posted the list yesterday and sent a copy to state headquarters. The Sabetha Herald and Courier-Tribune joined in setting the large amount of type necessary and the list is printed in the two papers. To avoid ruining the type to still greater length, a key system is used to abbreviate names of towns. Where two letters make the name of the town

clear, only two are used. Seneca becomes Se; Sabetha Sa; Corning Co; Centralia Ce; Goff GO; Wetmore We; and Baileyville, Bern, Kelly, Havensville, Soldier, Pawnee, Axtell and other points are similarly abbreviated. Oneida and Onaga addresses required the use of Onei and Ona. The Nemaha County list follows:

*Continued from Oct 7, 2023*

- 1551 Ralph Howard Eby Sa
- 1552 Conrad M. Barnes Se
- 1553 Irvan Reuben Strahm Sa
- 1554 Grant L. Beck Co
- 1555 Harold A. Harwick Ce
- 1556 Lawrence F. Krogman Ba
- 1557 Fred Jos Hasenkamp Ax
- 1558 William M. Kennedy Onei
- 1559 Leo John Waller Se
- 1560 Dale Edward Springer Go
- 1561 Dorus Dean McAtee Ax
- 1562 George C. Aeschliman Sa
- 1563 Laverne C. Holsapple Co
- 1564 Karl Peter Werner Sa
- 1565 Willis Wilford Walters Co
- 1566 Joseph George Deters Ba
- 1567 Edward Aloysius Kenny We
- 1568 Sylvester C. Strathman Ba
- 1569 James William Gafford Se
- 1570 Lawrence Henry Deters Ba
- 1571 Alton Ellis Stalcup Ce
- 1572 Harry William Buser Sa
- 1573 Ivan J. N. Christman Sa
- 1574 Ora Francis Robbins Ce
- 1575 Walter Mathias Lackey Se
- 1576 Alvin Francis Strahm Sa

1577 William H. Palmer Se  
1578 Andrew Galen Moynagh Se  
1579 Virgil Benny Murphy Co  
1580 Donald Ross McLaughlin Ce  
1581 Anthony J. Kohake Go  
1582 Earnest Frederick Ulmer Be  
1583 Vincent B. Dalsing Onei  
1584 Francis A. Melcher Se  
1585 Henry Benedict Wessel Ce  
1586 Raymond J. Hollabaugh Sa  
1587 Verne Lane Couch Sa  
1588 Sylvester M. Ronneb'm Onei  
1589 Joseph Frank Wicki Sa  
1590 Henry Joseph Holthaus Ke  
1591 Orville Edwin Bell Onei  
1592 Edwin Herbert Huerter Go  
1593 Nick F Boden Jr Go  
1594 Donald L. Godbout Onei  
1595 Lawrence John Koch Ve  
1596 Carl Henry Odell Ce  
1597 Floyd W. Clarkson Go  
1598 Richard m. Kerns Co  
1599 Arnold L. Staehli Go  
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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

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**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Have you helped someone (a friend, a colleague, someone you didn't know, etc.) with their genealogy and family history? Genea-blogger Ellen Thompson-Jennings wrote on this topic last month in [Have You Helped Someone With Their Genealogy?](#) on Hound on the Hunt.**

The easy answer to this is “*I sincerely hope so!*”

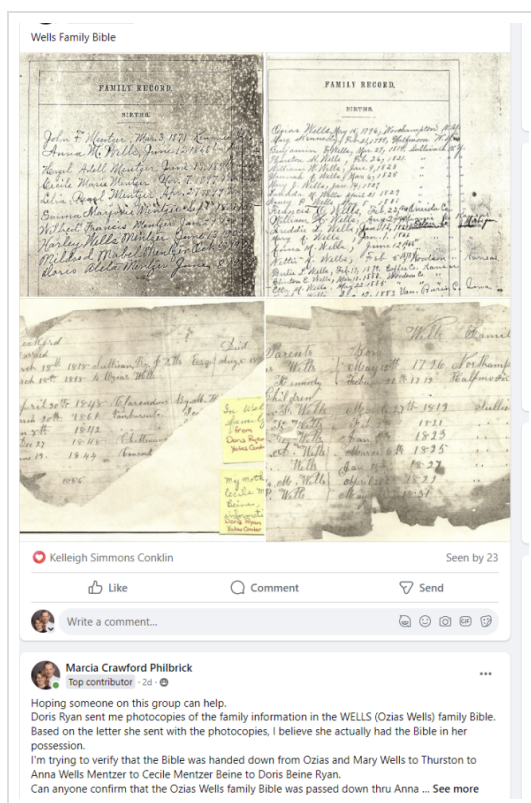
Like Randy, I have shared shared my research over the years. From the earliest days of the Internet to today, I've either maintained a web site or more recently, this blog.

When I began researching my family, it was the era of the Genealogical Helper. In my opinion, this was also an era of sharing. While the Helper discontinued publication, that idea of community continued on Genealogy.com's forums, Rootsweb mailing lists and Ancestry's message boards. While the Ancestry message boards are still there, their link is buried under



the help menu and not heavily used. With the advent of social media, the use of Facebook groups and social media posts are now the 'go-to' places to ask questions.

While I am not overly active in various Facebook groups, I do find them a great way to both ask questions and to help others by answering questions. For example, I recently posted a question to a Mentzer family group about a Bible that I believed to be in the possession of a cousin. When asked by another member of the group for a copy of the Bible pages, I shared the images with the group.



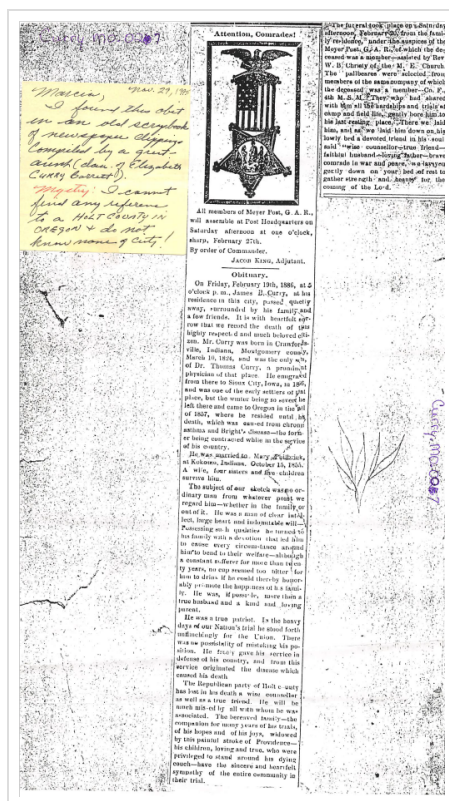
I've also been trying to use the FamilySearch tree to share these unique sources that I have buried in my files along with the family pictures.

At times, I get questions about my research via my blog. A descendant of Nelson Crawford Stoner recently contacted me in this way. Based on that contact, I was able to share my research with her, including a footnoted report.

However, when it comes to sharing, my 'best' experience was an email conversation I had with a Curry researcher that spanned several years. Sandy was a descendant of Thomas M. Curry (Currey). Thomas and his brother, Providence were identified in biographies as the

sons of Hiram M. Currey (treasurer of Ohio). At the time, I was trying to figure out my Currey line. I thought that my 2nd great grandfather, Hiram M. Currey (of Leavenworth), was the son of Hiram M. Currey (of Peoria). Unfortunately, I didn't have much information about the Peoria Currey and was trying to figure out whether he was a brother to Thomas and Providence.

In our email conversation with Sandy, she shared a photocopy of an obituary for James Barnes Curry.



Because the Curry family had migrated to Oregon, Sandy and I were trying to locate Holt County in Oregon. After several discussions about this obituary, I wondered if Holt county could be in another state. That curiosity led me to Oregon City, Holt County, Missouri.

Since Holt County, Missouri is not that far from where I live (Seneca, KS), I made a trip to Oregon City, where I found the grave for James Barnes Curry. (Find a Grave did not exist at the time)



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## James Barnes Curry

**BIRTH** 10 Mar 1824  
Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana, USA

**DEATH** 19 Feb 1886 (aged 61)  
Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, USA

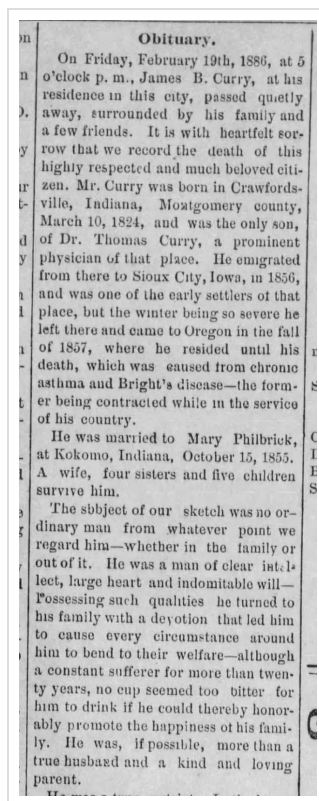
**BURIAL** [Maple Grove Cemetery](#)  
Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, USA

**PLOT** Old Part of Maple Grove Cemetery

**MEMORIAL ID** 35583241 · [View Source](#)

Thus, the mystery surrounding James Barnes Curry was resolved.

A search of Newspapers.com for “James Curry” in Feb 1886 and Missouri found the original obituary published in the 25 Feb 1886 issue of the Holt County Press.



While locating James Barnes Curry in Missouri helped Sandy, the wealth of information she shared with me helped me begin to connect my Curry line to hers. This experience of working together via email has been a constant reminder to share my research.

# Hiram M. Currey, Treasurer of Ohio

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**Hiram Mirick Currey** was listed as Myrack Curry with 1 white male in the household in Tyrone Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1783.

He was listed on the tax rolls as Mira Hiram Curry in 1786 in Fayette, Pennsylvania, United States.

The 1790 household for Miriach Curry included 1 free white male and 4 free white females in the household.

In 1792 he was admitted as candidate for ministry in Mays Lick, Mason County, Kentucky.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram Curry with 1 horse and 7 cattle in 1792 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He lived in Mays Lick, Mason County, Kentucky between 1792 and 1794 and was a Baptist preacher and teacher at the first school in Mays Lick.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1793 in Mason County, Kentucky.

Hiram was witness to the will of Benjamin Thraikill on 27 Mar 1793 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He was messenger, along with Cornelius Drake, to Elkhorn Baptist Association meeting representing Mays Lick church reporting 9 received by letter, 1 dismissed, 58 members in South Elkhorn, Fayette, Kentucky, United States.

In 1794, he was a preacher in the Elkhorn Conference of the Baptist Church in Mays Lick, Mason County, Kentucky.

In 1794, Hiram was a teacher in Mays Lick, Mason County, Kentucky.

He was listed on tax rolls as Hiramirick Curry with 2 white males over 21, with 1 horse and 7 cattle and also listed as Hiram Cury with 100 acres of 2nd rate land on the Johnson watercourse in 1795 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He was listed on the tax rolls as M. Hiram Currey with 100 acres 2nd rate land on the Locust watercourse, 1 male over 21, 2 horses and 4 cattle in 1796 in Mason County, Kentucky.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram Mirem Currey with 200 acres of 2nd rate land on Ball Creek Watercourse with 1 male over 21 and 2 horses in 1797 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He was messenger to Elkhorn Baptist Association meeting along with J. Singleton for Stone Lick Church reporting 42 baptized, 9 received by letter, 3 dismissed and 76 members in Clear Creek, Kentucky.

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 200 acres on Stone Lick Bull Creek with 1 male over 21, 1 male over 16 and 1 horse in 1799 in Mason County, Kentucky.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 150 acres 3rd rate land on the Stone Lick Watercourse and 1 male over 21 in 1800 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He sold land being 50 acres of land on Stone Lick Creek that was part of the survey granted to John Craig by patent to James Luston on 30 Dec 1800 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He baptized Elder John Gutridge in the Ohio River three miles above Maysville in 1801 in Mason County, Kentucky.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 100 acres of 3rd rate land on the Bull Creek Watercourse with 1 male over 21 on 13 May 1801 in Mason County, Kentucky.

He was mentioned in minutes of meeting of Bracken Association of Baptists held on 19 Sep 1801 in Kentucky.

He performed the marriage of Aquilla Denham and Harriet Thompson on 26 Jun 1804 in Adams County, Ohio.

Hiram lived where he built a block house on Stoney creek opposite of William Boggs in Champaign County, Ohio in 1805.

On 4 Jun 1805 he was a performed marriage of Phebe Cary and Alexander Reed in Franklin County, Ohio.

On 11 Oct 1805 he performed the marriage if Edward Gallaham and Elizabeth Taylor in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls in 1806 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He lived on the list of voters in Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio in Jan 1806.

On 29 Jun 1806 he performed the marriage of Thomas Morris to Margaret Dawson in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Mirach H. Curry in 1807 in Champaign County, Ohio.

On 8 Jan 1807 he preached at the courthouse in Ohio.

After 22 Jun 1807 he preached a sermon after the Masonic oration in Ohio.

Hiram held the office of state senator between 1808 and 1811 representing Champaign County, Ohio.

He performed the marriage of John Ross to Margaret Price in 1808 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He performed the marriage of George Hunter and Ruth Fitch in 1808 in Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram was appointed trustee of Miami University on 9 Feb 1809 in Ohio.

On 17 Feb 1809, he was a member board of trustees of Miami University in Ohio.

He officiated at marriage of Mr. George Hunter and Miss Ruth Fitch on 20 Apr 1809 in Champaign, Ohio, United States.

Hiram purchased land on 6 Sep 1809 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He was appointed W. M. on a warrant empowering the lodge to hold meetings in Urbana and Springfield alternately on 20 Sep 1809 in Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio.

He performed the marriage of Wm H. Fyffe to Maxamilla Petty on 27 Sep 1809 in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram performed the marriage of John Thompson to Polly Frankerberger on 20 Nov 1809 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He was a member of the Ohio State Senate from the county of Champaigne.

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hivans Curry in 1810 in Champaign County, Ohio.

In 1810 Hiram solemnized the marriage between Sandford Edmunds and Eliza Truett in Champaign County, Ohio.

His election to the Ohio Senate was contested by Alexander McBeth during a hearing in front of the Senate.

On 9 Nov 1810, he was a member of the Harmony Lodge No. 8 and appointed Worshipful Master of the lodge in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram represented Champaign county on the board of trustees for Miami County, Ohio on 12 Jan 1811 .

He was a member of the general assembly for the state of Ohio.

He was listed on the poll books on 8 Oct 1811

Between 1812 and 1814 in Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio Hiram was member serving as Worthy Mason of Harmony Lodge No. 8 in Urbana, Ohio.

He erected block house on banks of stream in 1812 in Logan County, Ohio.

He was listed as trustee of Miami University on 14 Mar 1812 in Ohio.

Hiram was on a ballet as a Republican elector of President and Vice President.

He held the office of member of Ohio House of Representatives between 1813 and 1814 representing Champaign County, Ohio.

He taught school in old tavern stand referred to as the old George Fithian and John Enoch stand on lot No. 63 about 1816 in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres in 1816 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He held the office of Representative from Champaign County, Ohio on 21 Nov 1816.

He held the office of elected State Treasurer in Dec 1816 in Ohio.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls in 1817 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He was appointed state treasurer to replace W. M'Farland who resigned on 3 Jan 1817 in Ohio.



He obtained a mortgage on 23 May 1817 in Franklin County, Ohio.

Hiram welcomed President Monroe to the Capital by a neat and appropriate speech in Aug 1817 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

He, Treasurer of Ohio, along with Ralph Osborn, Auditor and Jeremiah McLene, Secretary, oversaw improvements in state prison about 1818 in Ohio.

He was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres of land on Buck Creek in 1818 in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres in 2 parcels on Buck Creek in 1819 in Champaign County, Ohio.

On 17 Sep 1819, he deposited \$100,070 in the Franklin Bank of Columbus at Columbus Ohio. These funds were seized by John L. Harper from the Bank of the United States at Chillicothe.

About on 19 Nov 1819 notice was served on the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Ohio regarding the seizure of funds from the U.S. Bank in Chillicothe

He was named as defendant in bill of injunction signed by C. W. Byrd, District Judge of the United States, in and for the District of Ohio on 22 Nov 1819 in West Union, Ohio.

Hiram was summoned to appear in case filed by The United States of America, District of Ohio on 23 Nov 1819 in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, United States.

He submitted report to General Assembly of the State of Ohio from office of Treasurer, State of Ohio on 6 Dec 1819 in Ohio.

He along with Ralph Osborn, Auditor; and the President and Directors of the Franklin Bank of Columbus were served with a writ of injunction from the Bank of the United States for the recovery of their money on 7 Dec 1819 in Ohio.

On 21 Dec 1819 Hiram sent letter to Thoms Rotch, Esqr to declare receipt of \$5.25 toward tax on Adam Hoops land in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

He held the office of treasurer of the State of Ohio on 24 Dec 1819 in Ohio.

About 1820 in Ohio, United States when the case (suit of attachment against Osborn & Harper) came to trial the opposing counsel agreed that an order should be issued to the State treasurer (Hiram M. Curry) that the total tax, plus interest on the specie, should be returned to the Bank. This the treasurer refused to do without a warrant. ... He was thereupon placed under nominal arrest by a Federal marshal and all his property, including his keys, was attached.

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry, a non-resident, who owned 100 acres of 1st rate land on Buck Creek and 70 acres of 2nd rate land on Buck Creek in 1820 in Champaign County, Ohio.

Hiram resigned as treasurer of State of Ohio on 15 Feb 1820 in Ohio.

He was named in a bill concerning a memorial from H. M. Curry praying relief on 15 Feb 1820 .

He was named in a bill read for the first time on 16 Feb 1820.

Hiram was named in a bill that was read for the second time on 17 Feb 1820 in Ohio.

He was named in a bill that was discussed in the Ohio Senate's committee of the whole on 18 Feb 1820.

He was named in a bill discussed by the Ohio Senate committee of the whole on 21 Feb 1820 in Ohio.

Hiram was resigned from his position as State Treasurer on 25 Feb 1820 in Ohio.

During a dispute with the Bank of the US an officer for the state of Ohio seized \$98,000 in gold, silver and notes. This was placed in charge of the State Treasurer, Mr. H. M. Curry.

In Oct 1820, an Opinion of the United States Circuit Court in the Ohio District in the case of The Presidents, Directors and Company of the Bank of the U.S. against Ralph Osborn & John L. Harper, defendants were released. The State Treasurer of Ohio, Hiram Currey, was not named in this suit.

In Nov 1820, the case, U.S. Bank, vs. The State of Ohio, was decided in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Ohio District in Columbus to attach the Auditor of the State for contempt.

He was held the office of "late" Treasurer of state before 4 Dec 1820 in Ohio.

He was accused of owing the State of Ohio \$11,111 under a resolution proposed by Mr. Willson and agreed to by the Ohio House of Representatives on 7 Dec 1820.

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry, a non-resident' owning 100 acres of 1st rate land on Bucks Creek and 70 acres of 2nd rate land on Bucks Creek in 1821 in Champaign County, Ohio.

He was served with a writ of attachment commanding him to return into court a description of every note taken from the U.S. office of discount and deposit on 4 Jan 1821 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

He was excused from jury duty on 24 Mar 1821 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Hiram was named in a memorial praying the state would receive real estate from him for the amount due the state on 27 Dec 1821 in Ohio.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives, that a committee of members on the part of the senate, and five members on the part of the house of representatives, be appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, and that they report thereon by

bill or otherwise on 15 Jan 1822 in Ohio. Resolved by the senate and house of representatives, that a committee of members on the part of the senate, and five members on the part of the house of representatives, be appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, and that they report thereon by bill or otherwise

Said resolution was agreed to by the house.

Ordered that the same be sent to the senate and their concurrence requested therein

The senate have agreed to the resolution for appointing a joint committee on the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, with amendments and have appointed a committee of three members on their part on 17 Jan 1822 in Ohio. The senate have agreed to the resolution for appointing a joint committee on the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, with amendments and have appointed a committee of three members on their part.

On 18 Jan 1822, The Ohio house took up the resolution for appointing a joint committee on the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, with the amendment made by the senate thereto. in Ohio.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives, that one member on the part of the senate, and two members on the part of the house of representatives, be added to the joint committee appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Hiram M. Currey on 22 Jan 1822,

On 23 Jan 1822, Mr. Parish from the joint committee to whom was referred the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, made the following report – The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, report – That they have had the same under consideration, and after taking into view the value of the property offered, with reference to the amount of defalcation, a majority of this committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to accede to the proposals of said memorialists. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution– Resolved that the prayer of the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, is unreasonable and ought not to be granted. And on motion to disagree to said resolution, the question was decided in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required by messrs. Atwater and Simons, were yeas 38, nays 26.

On 28 Jan 1822, Mr. Parish moved a resolution, to authorize the present treasurer to receive from Hiram M. Currey, and his trustee, a conveyance for the real estate of said Currey. Also, to release the securities to the second bond given by said Currey, as treasurer, from the liability, upon payment of the costs of suits now pending against them. Also, to direct the suites against said Currey, and the securities to the first bond giver by said Currey as treasurer of state to be prosecuted to final judgment, &c. Which resolution was laid on table for consideration.

He was named in a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to receive real estate from Hiram M. Curry in Feb 1822 in Ohio.

In 1824, he was in Ohio.

In 1828 Hiram conducted services held by Universalist people in a schoolhouse in Sheffield Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

He was listed as Hiram M. Curry with 1 male 70-80, 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 15-20 and 1 female 30-40 in Village of Fairfield, Tippecanoe County, Indiana in 1830.

In 1830, he was appointed executor of the estate of Lemuel Lane in Franklin County, Ohio.  
Husb/o Elizabeth Curry, adm of estate of Lemuel Lane

Between 1838 and 1839 Hiram conducted services for Universalist Church in a school house in Sheffield Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

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# Francis Kokenge

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## WWII Death Non Battle

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There may be another change at the ACA office if Francis-Kokenge is successful this week in passing the strict physical tests required by the army air corps, Francis wants to enlist and take welding and electrical engineering.

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*Courier Tribune*

*May 4, 1942*

Francis Kokenge, who had recently been transferred to Harding field, Baton Rouge, La., left Wednesday after spending a week's furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Kokenge. He is an aerial mechanic and formerly worked in the Farm bureau office in Seneca.

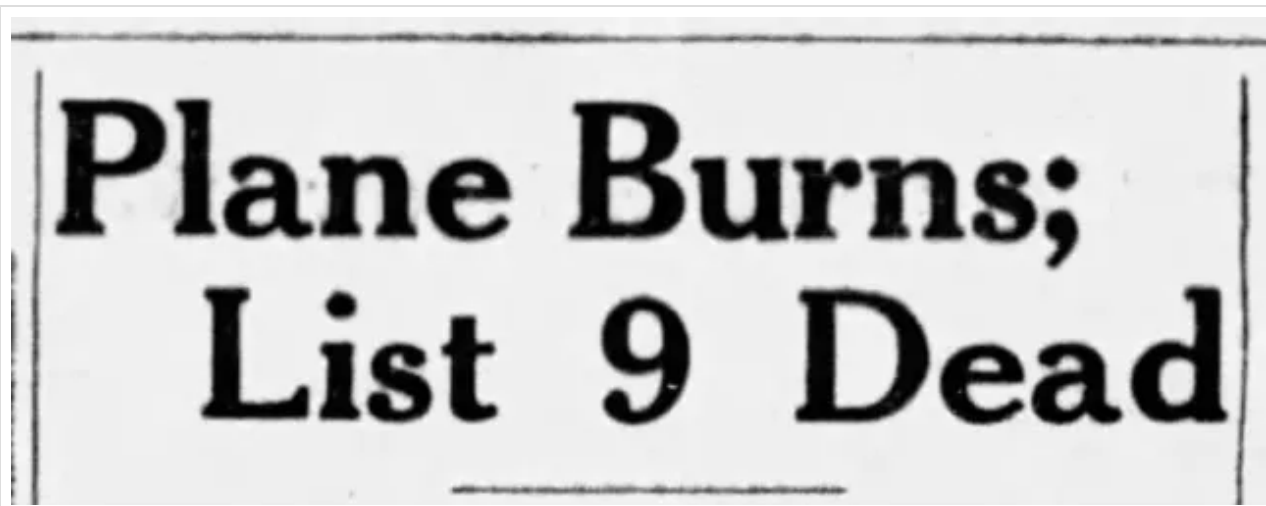
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## Furloughs

Francis Kokenge has a 10-day leave from air training at Biloxi, Mississippi.



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*The Minneapolis Star*

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### Army Names Victims of Transport Crash

Warrensburg, Mo. (AP) The public relations office at this army air base today made public the following list of dead in the crash of a two-motored transport plane yesterday afternoon near Chicago:

Captain C. A. Dafoe, Sedalia, Mo., pilot; Lt. W. Jackson Warrensburg, co-pilot, and Lts. w. A. Cravey, Warrensburg; R. A. Roper, Chicago; P. A. Stenz, Elm Grove, Wis.; W. J. Tichy, Chicago, and O. J. Tompkins, Wascom, Texas and Staff Sgts. Max L. Bybee, Hammond, Ind., Francis A. Kokenge, Seneca, Kans.

The plane had taken off from Warrensburg a short time earlier on a routine training flight.

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*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

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### 3 Missourians Among 9 Killed in Army Plane

#### Transport from Warrensburg, Mo., Crashed while Approaching Chicago Airport

Chicago, Oct. 16 (AP) An Army transport plane crashed and burned within two miles of the Chicago airport yesterday, killing the nine occupants

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The plane was on a routine training flight from Warrensburg to Chicago.

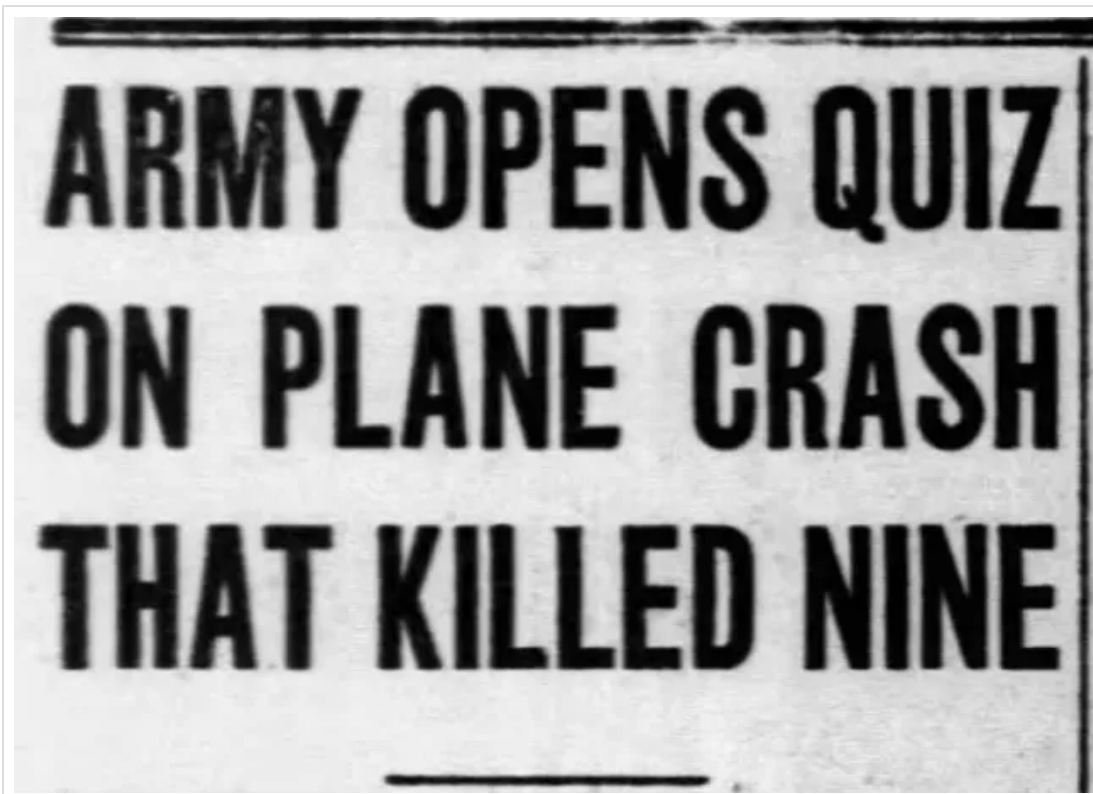
Army officers did not disclose details of the crash of the two-motored craft pending an investigation by an Army board of inquiry An inquest was scheduled today and the Coroner said he would seek to impanel a jury of aviation experts for the hearing.

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## Army Opens Quiz on Plane Crash that Killed Nine

Scene of Disaster here Kept under guard

An army board of inquiry began an investigation last night of the airplane crash in Thursday's thick weather which cost the lives of nine occupants of an army transport ship.

Guards kept the curious at a distance from the scene of the wreck near 67th street and Harlem avenue, about two miles southwest of Chicago airport, destination of the plane on its fright from Sedalia, Mo. The board of inquiry was convened by Maj. Clarence Dittman, commanding officer of the army air base at the port, who said the investigation would require several days.

Other members of the board are Capt. Robert M. Monsted and Capt. John H. Eagle of the Chicago air base.

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## Francis Kokenge Killed in Crash of Army Plane

Accident was near a Chicago Airport

Transport was on Routine Flight from Knob Noster, Mo.

Where Kokenge was Stationed, Nine were killed

The Seneca community lost its second youth in World War II birthday when an army air-transport crashed and burned near Chicago, killing its nine occupants, among them Staff Sergeant Francis Kokenge the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kokenge who live south of Seneca.

The plane was stated to have been on routine flight from Knob Noster, Mo. to Chicago. It fell about two miles west of the Municipal airport at Chicago and burned.

A man working in the vicinity said he heard the sound of a plane passing over at low altitude and then a sharp explosion. The area army public relations office said an arm board of inquiry would be called to determine the cause of the accident.

Persons in the area heard the radio news of the crash Thursday night but at that time names of the men were not given. They were made public Friday. The Kokenge family was notified Thursday night.

Sergeant Kokenge was attached to the Sedalia airport near Warrensburg, Mo. He was an air mechanic. His family has not learned any more details of the accident than were given in the papers but they believe the trip to Chicago may have been part of a flight planned to New York. Francis had just made his staff sergeant's rating a few weeks ago.

Francis was a graduate of the Seneca public high school and was a football player. He worked for two years in the Farm Bureau ACA office and then a little over a year ago enlisted in the air corps. To say he was one of the finest young men of the community is no exaggeration. He was a clean, friendly quiet and hardworking youth, and his promotions in the army show he was doing well in it, too. Francis liked the air mechanic work.

The funeral was planned for this morning, and the mass was offered at 10:00 by the Rev .Matthew Hall, O.S.B. The body was expected to arrive yesterday but by later report, would not reach St. Joseph until sometime today. The Lauer Funeral car is at St. Joseph as htis is written. At 2:30 or later, if there is delay, Father Basil Finken, O.S.B. will give a sermon preceding the burial.

Francis leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kokenge, and four brothers and two sisters. Leander is in the army air corps, stationed at Big Springs, Texas. He was able to come home for the service, arriving here yesterday. A sister, Mrs. Ralph Rosengarten, and her husband, Joplin, Mo., also came to be with the family. The other brothers and sister are Robert, John, Max and Mary, of the home.

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Pay Tribute to Sgt. F. A. Kokenge

Four fellow sergeants Attend Service HEre

Four fellow-sergeants, close friends with whom he spent many happy hours, were chosen to attend the funeral services of Staff Sergeant Francis Kokenge Monday. Francis had a birthday October 3rd, two of the other sergeants recently. Sergeant Paul J. Warkolla was delegated by the war department to go from Warrensburg to Chicago to stand guard and accompany the body to Seneca for burial. Sergeant Louis Parkinson, Sergeant Roy Evans and Staff Sergeant Paul Grashan came direct from Warrensburg to attend the funeral.

Staff Sergeant Francis Kokenge son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kokenge, was killed Thursday in a flight from the Sedalia airport at Warrensburg to Chicago, the plane crashing near the Chicago municipal airport. A heavy fog and high tension wires are believed to be contributed to the accident. Nine enlisted men lost their lives. Francis was crushed but not burned.

The requiem mass was read by Rev. Matthew Hall O.S.B. at Sts. Peter and Paul church Monday morning. The church was filled with sympathizing relatives and friends. The body did not arrive until early afternoon, when it was taken to the church for absolution. Rev. Father Basil Finken O.S.B. gave a sermon. At the graveside in Sts. Peter and Paul church, the U.S. flag covering the casket, was presented to the mother by Sergeant Warkolla. Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion firing squad gave the farewell salute and Bill Springer and Clayton Huerter of the Seneca band, sounded "Taps." The pallbearers were cousins: Leonard Lohman, Donald Deters, Albert Kokenge, Raymond Kokenge, Emmet Sperflage and Joe Enneking Jr.

Among relatives who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rosengarten, Joplin, Mo.; Private first class Leander Kokenge, Big Springs, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gamper, Jr., and family, Hiawatha; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kokenge, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kokenge, Maple River, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ebner, Boone, Iowa; Mrs. John Ebner, Heron Lake, Minnesota; Mrs. Anton Kokenge, grandmother and Mrs. Henry Bernholtz and son LaVerne, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deters, Axtell; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spersflage, Oneida and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Enneking, Kelly.

# Sourcing Events

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Do you typically attach sources to events (facts) you have for an individual? For an ‘old fogey’ like myself, this has been an evolving process.

My first foray into researching my family history worked with family group sheets where the birth marriage and death dates and places were recorded for members of a family. I was encouraged to locate birth, marriage and death records for family members. However, I don’t believe I ever added any mention of a source to those family group sheets.

When my ‘methods’ of recording information transitioned to a computer, I still wasn’t adding source information. As I collected more and more information, I realized that I had to document where I got it from. In the process, I started filling in the ‘dash’. In other words, I branched out from just recording birth, marriage and death to recording many details of a persons life. And I started adding sources to each of these events.

Now, every time I learn something new about an ancestors life, I add it as an event and attach the source of the information to the event. One of my recent ‘goals’ has been to update the sourcing for my 3rd great grandparents. I’ve recently been working on John Briles (or Broyles) of Randolph County, North Carolina. Below is part of John’s timeline in my RootsMagic file. The pen icons to the right of the place indicate there is at least one source attached to the fact.

40	<b>Tax</b>	1815	Randolph, North Carolina, United States				-
39	<b>Land-Purch</b>	10 February 1815	Randolph, North Carolina, United States purchased land on the Little Caraway from Petter Sheppard for \$350				-
43	<b>Land Entry</b>	3 August 1819	Randolph, North Carolina, United States for a grant from the state of North Carolina for 48 acres on the waters of th				-
50	<b>Land-Sold</b>	11 August 1826	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land being three tracts containing 437 acres on both sides of the north fork				-
53	<b>Tax</b>	1828	Randolph, North Carolina, United States				-
57	<b>Land-Purch</b>	15 August 1833	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land being 480 acres on Little Caraway from Samuel Walker				-
59	<b>Land-Purch</b>	21 February 1835	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land being 240 acres on the waters of the Little Caraway for \$500 from Ezra				-
60	<b>Land-Sold</b>	28 January 1836	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land being 240 acres on both sides of Uharie to Jacob Briles Jr for \$550				-
60	<b>Land-Sold</b>	28 January 1836	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land on both sides of the Uharie containing 296 acres to Dan Briles				-
60	<b>Land-Sold</b>	29 January 1836	Randolph, North Carolina, United States land being 200 acres on the Little Caraway to Solomon Briles				-

My Heartland Genealogy tree on Ancestry also attaches sources to the various events. If the source is from an Ancestry database, Ancestry creates a link between the source and the fact. When I have added facts from sources outside of Ancestry, those facts and 'other sources' can be copied from my RootsMagic file to Ancestry using TreeShare. Like sources found on Ancestry, there is a link created between the fact and the source. Below, the 1815 tax fact is linked to an 'other' source.

**1810**  
35  
**Residence**  
1810 • Randolph, North Carolina, United States  
2 sources

**1814**  
39  
**Land-Purch**  
19 December 1814 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
2 sources

**1814**  
39  
**Land-Purch**  
19 December 1814 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**1815**  
40  
**Tax**  
1815 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**1819**  
43  
**Land Entry**  
3 August 1819 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**1826**  
50  
**Land-Sold**  
11 August 1826 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**1828**  
53  
**Tax**  
1828 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**1833**  
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**Land-Purch**  
15 August 1833 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
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**1835**  
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21 February 1835 • Randolph County, North Carolina  
1 source

**Search on Ancestry**

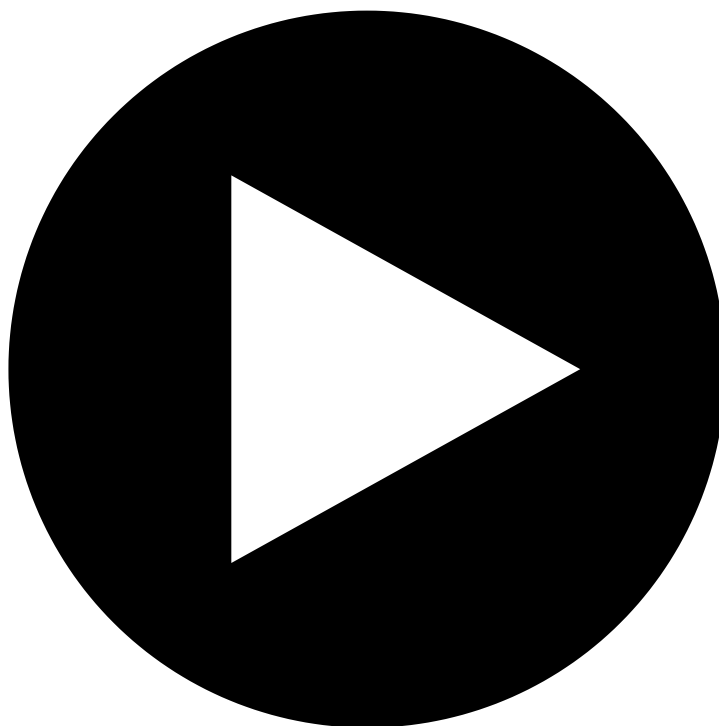
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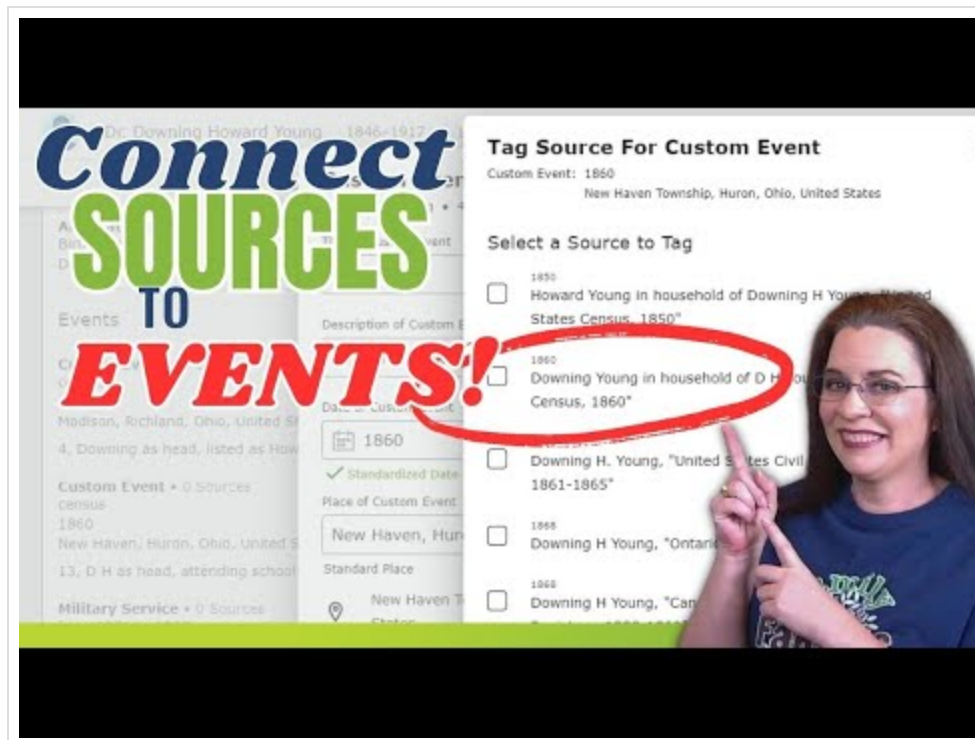
While some WikiTree profiles will not show all of the facts and sources for an individual, it is possible to add these various facts and the sources for them.

Since most genealogy sites allow for the creation of 'custom' facts AND the addition of sources for those facts, I've been somewhat frustrated trying to do this on the FamilySearch tree. However, I recently watched a July 2023 video by Devon Noel Lee about how to tag events on FamilySearch.



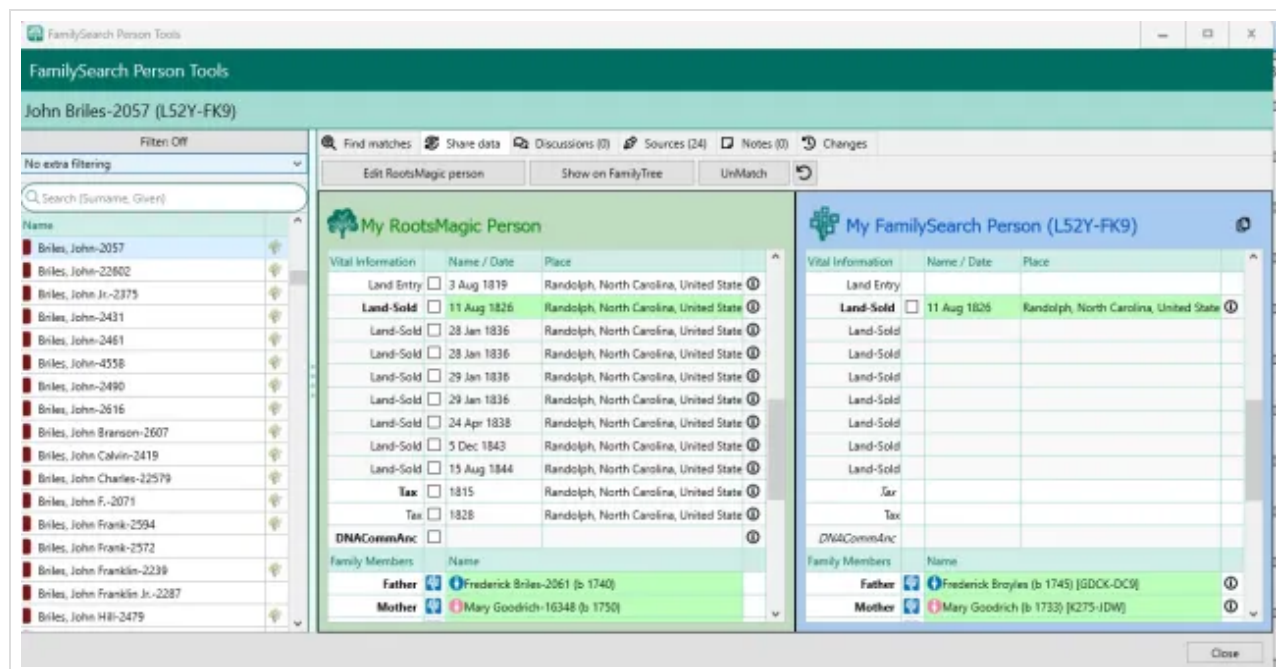


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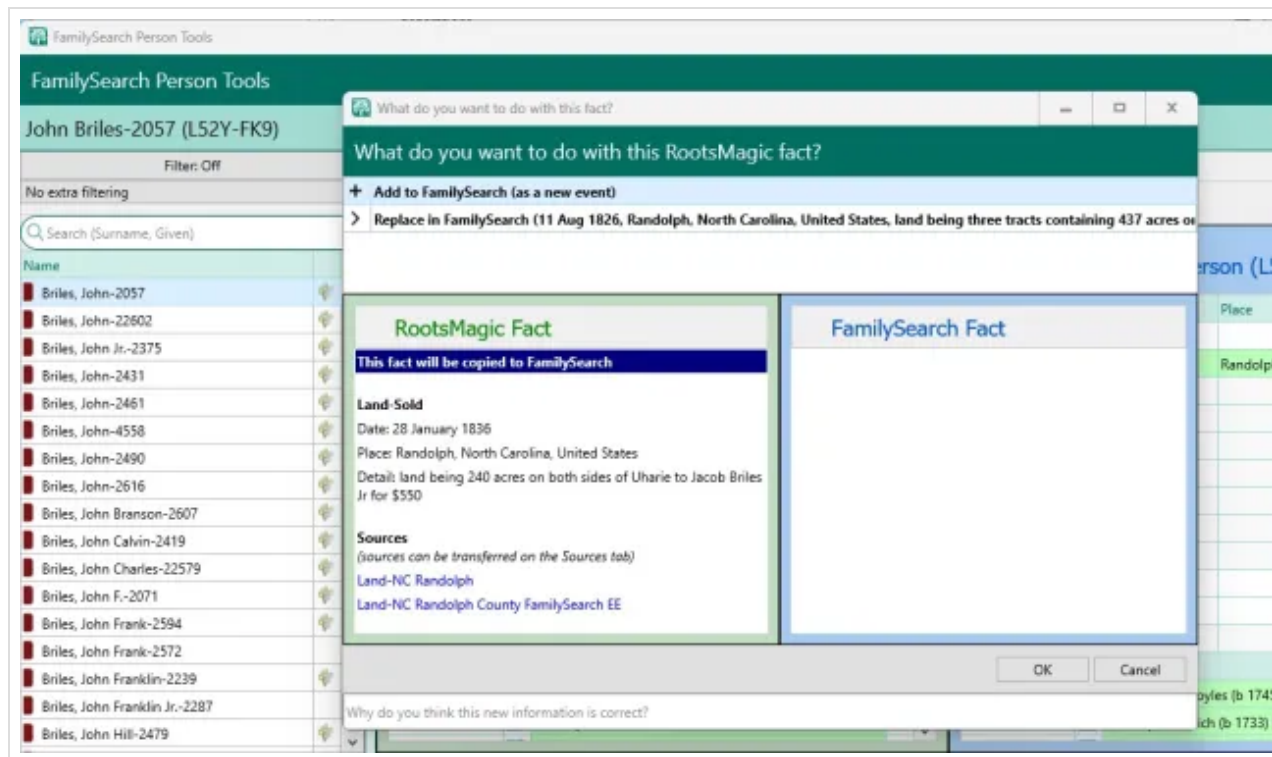


See FamilySearch Tagging for additional information.

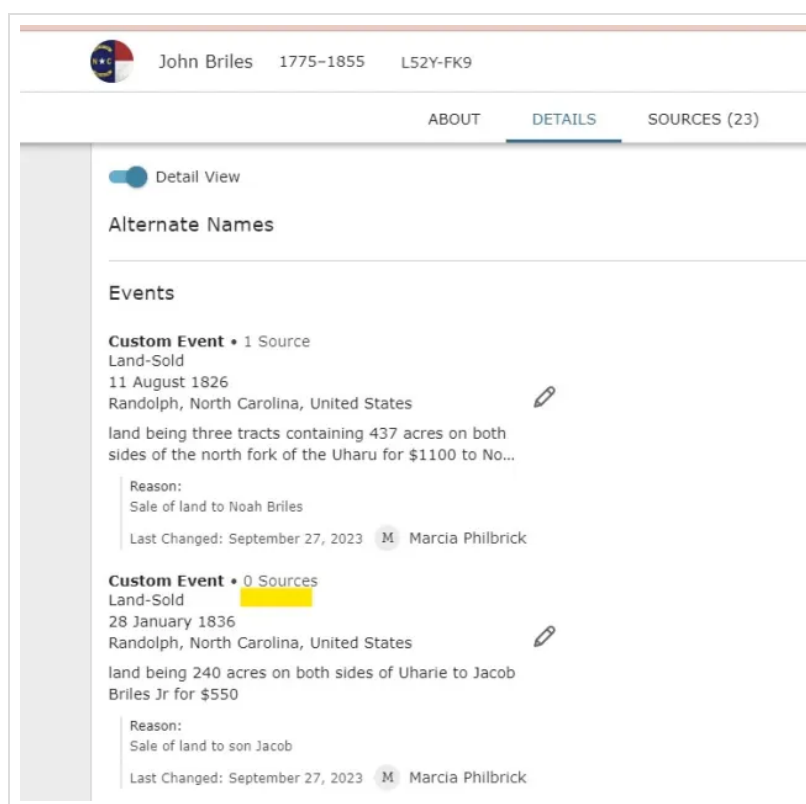
As I've been working on John Briles , I've been attaching the deeds as sources to his profile as I find them. Not only was his profile missing a lot of events but many of the existing events were missing sources. Since I have those events in my RootsMagic file, I can use RootsMagic's FamilySearch Person Tools to add those events.



When I place a check mark to the left of a fact I'd like to add, a window opens comparing my RootsMagic fact to FamilySearch. I'm asked whether I want to add the fact as a new event or to replace an existing fact.

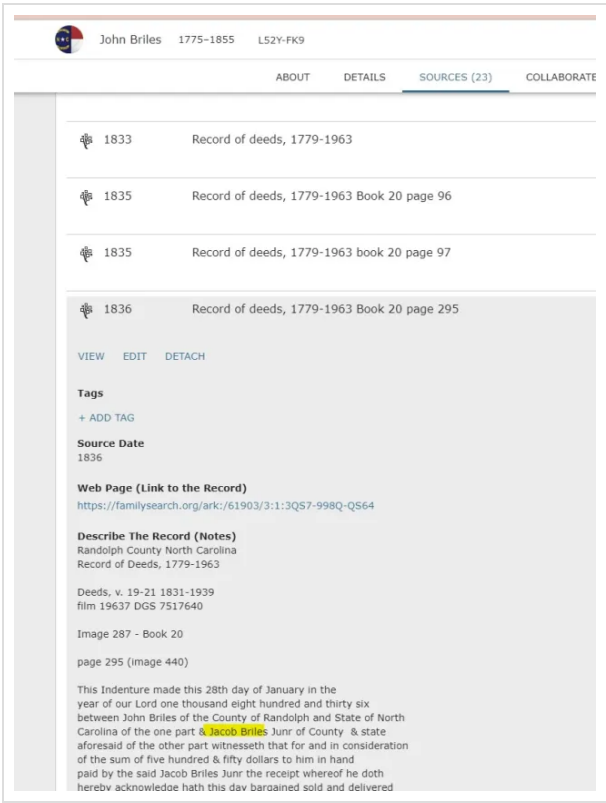


After providing a reason for adding the fact, the fact will appear on the FamilySearch profile without a source attached.



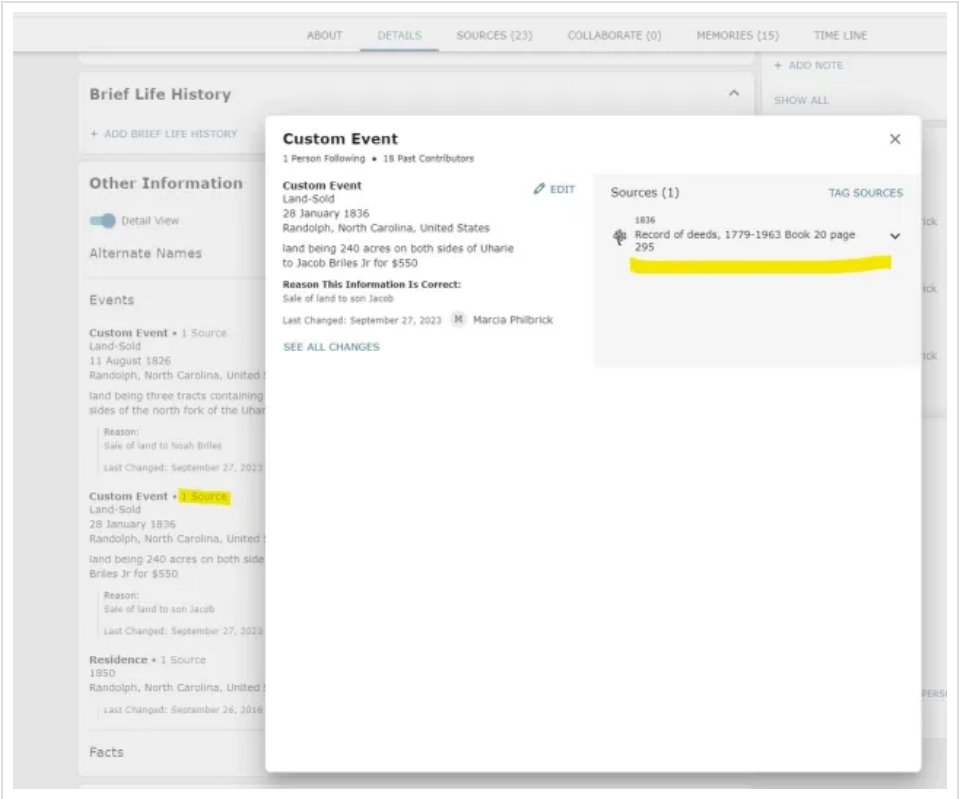
From this event, I could click on the 0 sources to open a window allowing me to select one of the existing sources and add a tag to it.

Since there are several deeds attached as sources to John Briles, I need to pick the correct one for this particular event. Thus, I will go to the sources to do the tagging. Thankfully, I added the transcription of the deed to the description. This allows me to verify that I have the Jacob Briles deed to attach to the 1836 custom event.



Using the instructions in the Family History Fanatics video, I was able to quickly add a tag for the custom event regarding the sale of land.

From the profile screen, clicking on the source opens a window showing the event and attached source.



Thank you Devin Noel Lee for alerting me to this ability to link sources to events.

# John Briles

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 19, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, RANDOLPH COUNTY, NC

**John Briles** was born before 1775

He filed land entry papers on 31 Mar 1791 in Randolph County, North Carolina. with the State of North Carolina for land being 100 acres on the waters of the Caraway for 30 shillings

Between 1800 and 1855, he was Methodist in Randolph, North Carolina, United States.

John lived in Randolph County, North Carolina on 1 Jul 1800. with 2 males under 10, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, and 1 female 16-26, listed as John Briles

On 25 Jul 1801 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States, he purchased 2 parcels of land from John Hoover, each being grants by the state to John Hoover. First parcel of land was granted 6 Dec 1799 containing 196 acres on both sides of the south fork of the Uharee beginning at a pine in the old corner with old oline S45 W20 chains to old corner with White Oak with old line S35E6Ch 23 Links to pine in old corner thence with old line S 19 ch to Black Oak in old corner thence N 20 W 15 Ch to Pine thence N 45W 28 Chains 50 links to Post Oak in Allen's corner thence with Allen line E 19 Ch 50 Links to creek to Beard's corner thence with Beard's lin S 2 ch to Black Oak in his corner thence with Beard's line E 10 CH across creek to Post Oak in his corner thence with Beard's line N 6 Ch 50 Lins to Pine in his corner thence with Beard's line E 23 h to Post Oak thence via David Hoover bounder S 36 Ch 50 Links to B. Oak thence W 13 Ch 5 links to WHite Oak thence N 70 W 1 Ch 50 link to his own corner thence with own line to beginning. Second parcel was granted to John Hoover 18 April 1800 containing 150 acres. Beginning with Post Oak in Allen's corner thence S 81 W 180 poles to Hickory in Byerly line thence bounded by 4th line N 43W 55 poles to Red oak thence N 245

poles to stake in Mirel's line thens with said line E 28 Poles to B. Oak in John Fouts line thence with JohnFout's line S 40 E 50 poles to Pine thence S 65E 8 poles to stake to beginning.

On 1 Aug 1801 he purchased Randolph, North Carolina, United States, land being 91 acres for 600 pounds from Jonas Hoover, administrator of Andrew Hoover estate. Said 91 acres being part of plantation where John Hoover now lives lying on both sides of S. fork of Uharee being part of a tract of land Andrew Hoover bought of Henry E. McCulloh. Beginning at pine in Danio Hoover corner in line of old survey on south side of creek & river thence with Daniel Hoover line N 51 W 7 chain 50 links to his corner pine thence N 2 chains 70 links to Elm in bank of creek thence down the Domons courses of said creek and crossing it to Sweet Gum in N bank of creek thence N 26 E 6ch 50 links to pine in old line thence with old line N 28 W 7 Ch crossing creek in all 20 chains to Old crner white Oak thence on said line S 35 E 6 Ch 25 link to old corner pine thence on said line S 19 ch to old corner B Oak thence with old line S 40 E 15 Ch to beginning.

John purchased land composed of 5 parcels on the main fork of the Uharee totaling 490 acres for 500 pound from John Fouts and Michal Fouts on 23 Sep 1803 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He lived in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1810. His household contained 3 males under 10, 2 males 10 thru 15, 1 male 26 thru 44, 3 females under 10, 1 female 10 thru 15, and 1 female 26 thru 44.

He was the father of Holland Briles who was born on 20 Oct 1812 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John purchased land composed of 2 tracts, the 1st parcel being 230 acres on fork of Caraway and the 2nd parcel being 100 acres adjoining old tract on west side from Fredrick Broyls of Randolph County, NC for \$500 on 19 Dec 1814 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1815 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He purchased land on the Little Caraway from Petter Sheppard for \$350 on 10 Feb 1815 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John filed land entry papers for a grant from the state of North Carolina for 48 acres on the waters of the Caraway at a cost of \$10 per 100 acres on 3 Aug 1819 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He sold land being three tracts containing 437 acres on both sides of the north fork of the Uharu for \$1100 to Noah Briles on 11 Aug 1826 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He was listed on the tax rolls of Captain Cooper's District in 1828 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John purchased land being 480 acres on Little Caraway from Samuel Walker on 15 Aug 1833 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He purchased land being 240 acres on the waters of the Little Caraway for \$500 from Ezra Dorset of Randolph County, NC on 21 Feb 1835 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He sold land being 240 acres on both sides of Uharie to Jacob Briles Jr for \$550 on 28 Jan 1836 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John sold land lying on both sides of the Uharie containing 296 acres to Dan Briles on 28 Jan 1836 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He sold land being 408 acres on both sides of the Little Caraway for \$300 to John Briles, Junior on 29 Jan 1836 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He sold land being 200 acres on the Little Caraway to Solomon Briles on 29 Jan 1836 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John sold land being 240 acres which was purchased from Ezra Dorsett on the Little Caraway for \$500 to Alexander Briles on 24 Apr 1838 in Randolph County, North Carolina.



He lived in Randolph County, North Carolina on 1 Jul 1840. His household contained 1 male 10-15, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 60-70, 3 females 15-20 and 1 female 30-40.

He sold land being 250 acres on waters of Little Caraway to Alfred Briles for \$500 on 5 Dec 1843 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

John sold land being 100 acres on waters of Little Caraway to Anderson Briles for \$50 on 15 Aug 1844 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

He lived in Randolph County, North Carolina on 16 Oct 1850. He was listed as a 75 year old male farmer with \$850 in real estate who was born in North Carolina,

He died before Nov 1855 at the age of 80 in Randolph County, North Carolina.

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# Friday Find

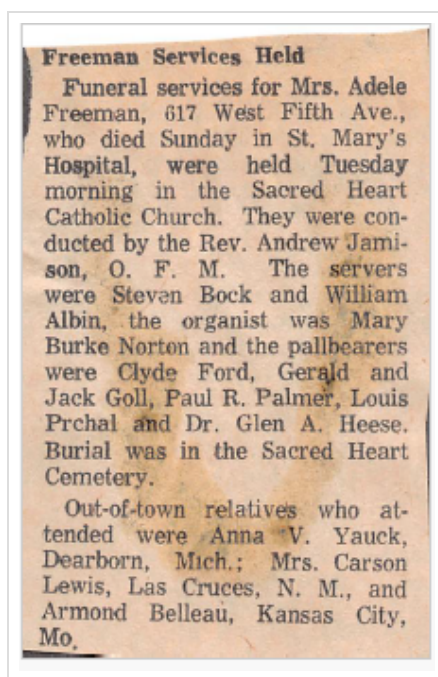
BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 20, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: KANSAS, RICKETTS

Do you have obituary clippings in your files? If so, have you identified all of them?

As I was going thru my RICKETTS notebook, I found a clipping for Mrs. Adele Freeman.



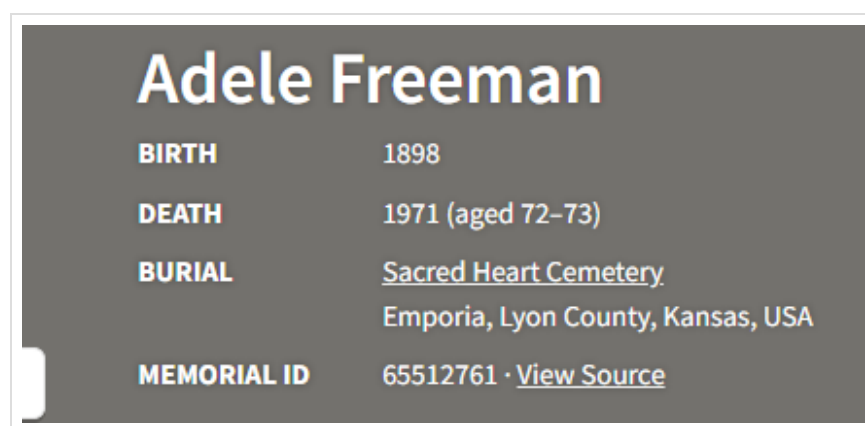
## *Freeman Services Held*

*Funeral Services for Mrs. Adele Freeman, 617 West fifth Ave., who died Sunday in St. Mary's Hospital, were held Tuesday morning in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They were conducted by the Rev. Andrew Jamison, O. F.M> The servers were Steven Bock and William Albin, the organist was Mary Burke Norton and the pallbearers were Clyde Ford, Gerald and Jack Goll, Paul R. Palmer, Louis Prchal and Dr. Glen A. Heese. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.*

*Out-of-town relatives who attended were Anna V. Yauck, Dearborn, Mich.; Mrs. Carson Lewis, Las Cruces, N. M., and Armond Belleau, Kansas City, Mo.*

Unfortunately, I don't know why my grandmother saved this clipping and I have no idea how I might be related to Mrs. Adele Freeman.

Searching Find A Grave, I found a memorial that seems to match.



Since the burial was in Emporia, I searched Newspapers.com to see if the 1971 Emporia, Kansas newspaper had been digitized.



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I haven't been successful in figuring out Adele's maiden name or who the other relatives are. The only 'hint' I've found that might be a clue to this family is an obituary for Edwin Arndt Sr. published in the 20 Aug 1999 issue of the Quad-City-Times (Iowa). This obituary identifies a sister named Anna Yauck of Phillips, Wis.

**Edwin Arndt Sr.**

DAVENPORT — Services for Edwin Herman Arndt Sr., 85, of Davenport, will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Cunnick-Collins Mortuary, Davenport. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today with a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. at the mortuary.

Edwin died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999, at Davenport Lutheran Home.



**Mr. Arndt**

He was born April 23, 1914, to Wilhelm F. and Amelia (Wilke) Arndt. Edwin was born and raised on a farm in Kennan, Wis. He met Mary Ann Repich and married her in 1936.

Edwin worked on the farm in Kennan until he and Mary moved to Davenport. After that, he ran a neighborhood grocery store in east Davenport. He then was employed in the shipping and receiving department at J I Case. He retired in 1976.

He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Davenport, and Davenport Moose Lodge.

Memorials may be to Masses at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Davenport Lutheran Home or a favorite charity.

Survivors include sons, Eugene and Richard, both of Davenport, and Edwin Jr., Bettendorf; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Yauck, Phillips, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and five sisters.



Even with this obituary I haven't been able to figure out Adele Freeman's family, let alone why her obituary was saved by my grandmother.

# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 21, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)*

*28 Oct 1940*

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## Add to the Draft List From Absentee Cards

### County Board Draws Numbers Additional to Those in Thursday's Paper

This paper on Thursday of last week carried the names and county serial numbers of 1604 Nemaha county selective service registrants. Since that time, the county draft board has received the cards, sent from other boards of a number of Nemaha count young men who registered away from home. Additional numbers have been drawn for these men. They start with No. 1605 where the first list stopped. The same plan of using first letters of the name of each town is used to show addresses:

1605 Haley Skinner Sa

1606 Wilbur Moore Go

1607 William Baxter Stanton Ce

1608 Calvin Wayne Gordon Ce

1609 Virgil Vernon Holliday Ban

1610 Leonard W. F. Pavlicek Ve

1611 Ora Clifford Brammer Sa

1612 Glen Albert Newman Ce

1613 Lester Lav'rne Williamson Go

1614 Loren Marion Strahm Sa  
1615 John Willis Slocum Se  
1616 Edwin Streit Se  
1617 Frederick Mich'l Seltzer Sa  
1618 Kenneth LeRoy Gernand Go  
1619 George Hall Joyce Se  
1620 Charles Casper Bauer Ona  
1621 Gerhardt W. Dienstbier Sa  
1622 John Anthony Pavlicek Ve  
1623 Clear Watters Sa  
1624 Vernon H. Rannebeck We  
1625 Clifford Jay Jameson Sa  
1626 Walter Mally Sa  
1627 Earl L. McQuillen Sa  
1628 August Henry Buessing Ba  
1629 Lawrence Fred Tangeman Ba  
1630 Noah Jacob Bauman Be  
1631 Virgil Morris Vestal Sa  
1632 Ira Laverne Schroeder Ce  
1633 Archie Edward Armstrong Se  
1634 Max Clarence Leuze Sa  
1635 Russell Vaughn Collins Go  
1636 Kenneth LeRoy Lohmeyer Be  
1637 Gerald Nelson Farley Co  
1638 Robert McLaughlin Ce  
1639 Judd Allen Austin Se  
1640 Regis Frances Stallbaumer Sa  
1641 Anthony Alphonse Rettele Se  
1642 Russell Carl Shepherd Co  
1643 George William Hartter Sa  
1644 Wilfred Henry Rettele Se  
1645 Ned Wilson Rokey Sa

1646 Lloyd Bryan Tribble So  
1647 Elver Henry Swart Se  
1648 Ralph Wayne Watkins Sa  
1649 Harley Orval Holliday Go  
1650 Charles Thomas Carman Se  
1651 Lawrence Dale Freel Go  
1652 Willis E Moore Go  
1653 Raymond Lee Williams Sa  
1654 Pete Vincent Haug se  
1655 James F Lawrence Jr Se  
1656 Ross Silvester Nickell We  
1657 John Allen Shetlar Se  
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1662 Joseph Edward O'Toole Ax  
1663 Neill Frederick Werner Co  
1664 George Irving Althouse Sa  
1665 Andy Ezra Lehman Sa  
1666 Clarence Nart Steele Sa  
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1668 Howard Earl Bigalow Ba  
1669 Earl Orrin Minturn We  
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1671 Clarence LaFayette Ash We  
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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 22, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Have you created a Problem report from your desktop genealogy software program? Tell us which software you're using, how you found the “Problem Report,” and your results using it.**

Like Randy, I use RootsMagic 9. Thus, there are a variety of ‘problems’ one can search one's database for.

Problem Search

Problem Options

Include? Everyone

☒ Check all ☒ Uncheck all

Select the problems to search for

No sex ☐ Person with no sex entered

Event order ☐ Proper order of events for person

Parent's marriage ☐ Born before parent's marriage

Born before parents ☐ Born before parent's birth

Father's death ☐ Born after father's death

Mother's death ☐ Born after mother's death

Missing given ☐ Person is missing primary given name(s)

Missing surname ☐ Person is missing a primary surname

Missing given (alt) ☐ Person is missing alternate given name(s)

Missing surname (alt) ☐ Person is missing an alternate surname

Burial after death ☐ Buried more than X days after death...

30

Age at death ☐ Age at death should be less than...

100

Age at marriage ☐ Age at marriage should be between...

min 14 max 70

Father's age ☐ Father's age should be between...

min 14 max 70

Mother's age ☐ Mother's age should be between...

min 14 max 50

OK Cancel

Not only is there a variety of 'problems' one can search for, but I can pull down 'everyone' and select a portion of my database. Since I have my database color coded by branches, I can run the tool for a particular branch of my tree

Problem Options

Include? Everyone

☒ Check all ☒ Uncheck all

Select the problems to search for

No sex ☐ Person with no sex entered

Event order ☐ Proper order of events for person

Parent's marriage ☐ Born before parent's marriage

Born before parents ☐ Born before parent's birth

Father's death ☐ Born after father's death

Mother's death ☐ Born after mother's death

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OK Cancel

Select People

Include which people?

Select people

Color Apricot (Wells)

Civil War Facts

Civil War Military Deaths

Clark, John Captain 4gen Descendants

Color Apricot (Wells)

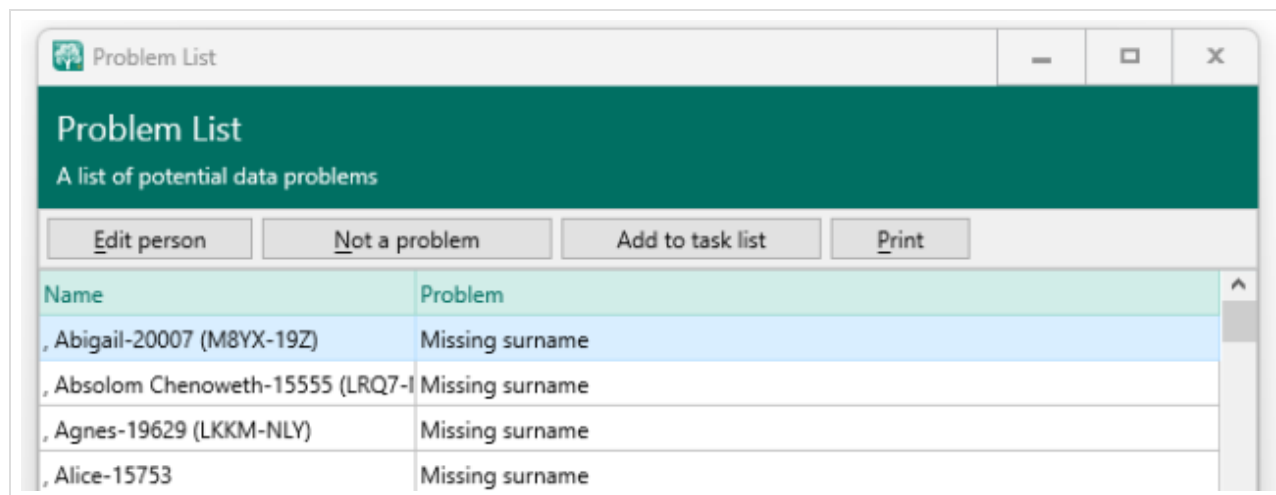
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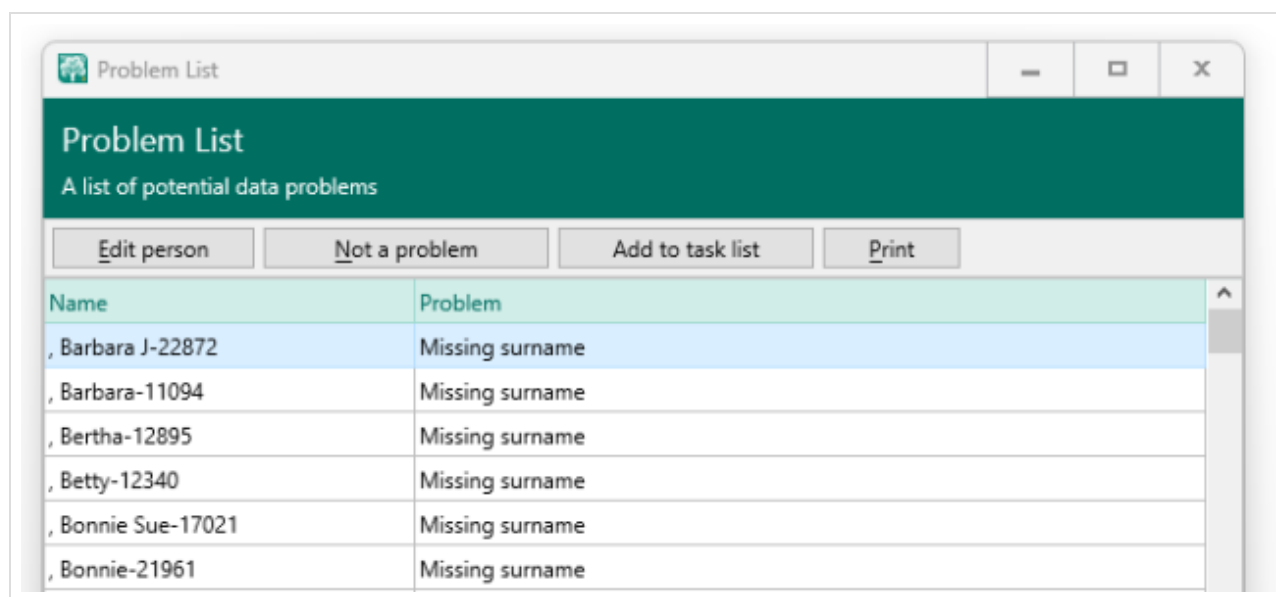
Color Coding Silver (Duggins)

While it might be tempting to ‘check all’ and run this tool, my large database would generate so many problems it would be overwhelming. For example, selecting ‘Person is missing a primary surname’ generates a long list of ‘problems’.



Name	Problem
, Abigail-20007 (M8YX-19Z)	Missing surname
, Absolom Chenoweth-15555 (LRQ7-I	Missing surname
, Agnes-19629 (LKMM-NLY)	Missing surname
, Alice-15753	Missing surname

In some cases, the surname is blank when ‘standards’ suggest the use of five underline characters for the surname. Following this ‘standard’ prevents an individual from showing on this list of ‘problems’. In other cases, the surname is part of the given name. While cleaning up this one problem will take some time, putting in the ‘underlines’ or splitting the name removes the individual from the problem list.



Name	Problem
, Barbara J-22872	Missing surname
, Barbara-11094	Missing surname
, Bertha-12895	Missing surname
, Betty-12340	Missing surname
, Bonnie Sue-17021	Missing surname
, Bonnie-21961	Missing surname

Thanks Randy for this challenge. Now, I need to spend teh time working thru all of the problems in my database!

# Multiple Sources

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 23, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: INDIANA, RICKETTS

Have you ever questioned the need to get multiple sources for an individual when doing research on collateral lines? Sometimes, I think about just getting one or two records and moving on.

While researching a DNA ThruLine for Edward Ricketts, I came across a situation where the sources disagree. Since this disagreement was over the parents of Ora Blanche Richey, it affects whether we are cousins or not.


According to Ora Richey's 1968 Indiana death certificate, her parents are

- John Brown
- Mary Smith



According to the death certificate, it was her husband, Walter Richey, who said her parents were John Brown and Mary Smith. If John Brown and Mary Smith are her parents, then we are NOT related thru my RICKETTS branch of my tree. This would make the suggested ThruLine match incorrect.

Since I also had her Find a Grave record open in another tab, I switched to that record to see who it shows as her parents. Find a Grave links to John Alexander Morgan and Rhoda Ellen Amos Morgan.



**Ora Blanch *Morgan* Richey**

**BIRTH** 4 Jul 1889  
Rush County, Indiana, USA

**DEATH** 2 Apr 1968 (aged 78)  
Marion, Grant County, Indiana, USA

**BURIAL** [Milroy Cemetery](#)  
Milroy, Rush County, Indiana, USA [Show Map](#)


**MEMORIAL ID** 59940203 · [View Source](#)

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**Gravesite Details**  
married 31 December 1909

**Family Members**

**Parents**




[John Alexander Morgan](#)  
1844–1910

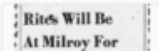


[Rhoda Ellen Amos Morgan](#)  
1850–1922

**Spouse**



[Walter Hyatt Richey](#)  
1889–1972

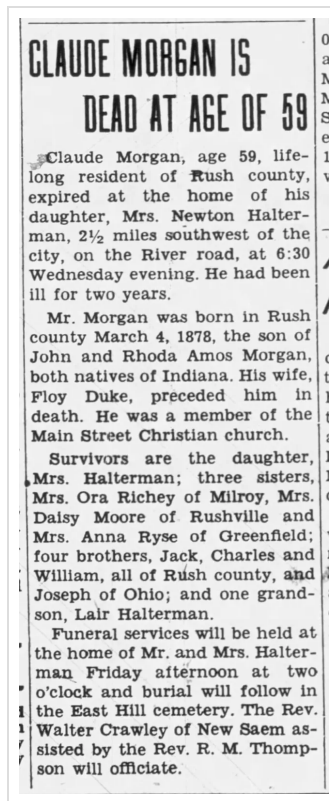


If Ora is a daughter of John Alexander Morgan, then we are likely RICKETTS cousins. I have John Alexander Morgan as the son of Evan Morgan and Mary Ann Ricketts and grandson of Edward Ricketts and Sarah Story. Edward Ricketts and Sarah Story are the suggested common ancestors with my DNA match.

Thankfully there is a third source created shortly after her death which clarifies her parents. Her obituary, *Rites Will Be at Milroy for Mrs. Richey*, published in the Rush Republican on 25 April 1968 also identifies her parents as John A and Rhoda E Amos Morgan.

She was born July 4, 1889, a daughter of John A. and Rhoda E. Amos Morgan, and was married December 31, 1908, to Walter H. Richey, who survives.

Another source that places Ora Richey in the Morgan family is an obituary for Claude Morgan, one of her brothers.



Rushville  
Republican, 3 Feb  
1938, page 1

Based on these sources, I am concluding that Ora Richey was the daughter of John A. and Rhoda E. (Amos) Morgan and NOT the daughter of John Brown and Mary Smith. For me, this was a good lesson in 'why' I need to search for multiple sources.

# Lawrence Winterscheidt

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 24, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART

## Purple Heart Recipient



### **Local News**

*Lawrence Winterscheidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wintersheidt, goes to Eskridge, Kansas today where he will be enrolled in sheet metal work in an NYA school. The school is an overflow of NYA's Topeka defense industry training.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

**4 SEP 1941**

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### **Twenty Three Are Inducted**

*Pass the Final Exams*

*Have Two Weeks at Home before Going into Active Duty*

*The army accepted 23 of 27 men sent to Ft. Leavenworth for final examination last week. Eleven of the 13 men who went Tuesday were*

*accepted and 12 of the 14 who went Friday.*

*Reports had not been completed the last of the week for James McGinty, Seneca, and he may also be added to the list of those taken.*

*Those who have already been inducted from the Tuesday group are: Francis Schmits, Donald Wichman, Lawrence Koch, Seneca; Elmer Heiman, Baileyville; George Frey, Jr., Goff; Paul Waller, Oneida; Raymond Adams, Centralia; Frank John Reinecke, Axtell; Francis E. Wilsey, Wetmore; Wilbur Chilson, Corning; Bertie James Happ, Dawson, Nebraska.*

*Those of the Friday group who passed were Max Murphy, Bill Painter, Allen Luginbill and Sylvester Nordhus, Seneca; **Lawrence Winterscheidt, Fairview; Lawrence Winterscheidt** John H. Hueninghake, Baileyville; James Bontrager Goff, Harry Sale, Wetmore; Paul Grimm, Oneida; Ed Broxterman, Axtell; John C. Gilbert, Bern.*

*The above men have been sworn into service but under the recent regulation, have two week leaves at home.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

**20 JULY 1942**

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### ***News of Men in Service***

*Mrs. Ada Kramer has received word that her son, Wilfred, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Gordon,*

*Augusta, Ga. Wilfred had the plearuse of a visit with Pvt. Lawrence Winterscheidt and St. Richard Pendleton in Augusta recently. Lawrence and Richard are stationed at Daniel Field, near Augusta, Sgt. Kramer has been assigned to the Radio Intelligence Division.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

**10 DEC 1942**

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### ***With the Armed Forces***

*Lawrence Winterscheidt is now a staff sergeant. He is stationed at Daniel Field. His full address: St. Sgt. Lawrence Winterscheidt, 6th Prov Squadron, Barracks 31, Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

**31 DEC 1942**

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### ***Honor Dead Flier at Fidelity Church***

#### ***Memorial Service for Sgt. Lawrence\* Winterscheidt***

*A memorial service honoring Staff Sergeant Lawrence Winterscheidt was held Thursday morning, February 3, in St. Augustine church, Fidelity,*

*with the pastor Rev. Father Moriarty saying the requiem high mass.*

*Lawrence was born on a farm near Fairview, December 17, 1919. He attended school in Seneca, graduating from Catholic High School in 1937. At the time, he was called into service, he was working in defense work at General Electric, Bridgeport, Conn. He was inducted into service in July 1942 and spent six months overseas, the last four in active combat duty. Lawrence was radio man on a B-25 with the 5th Air Forces under General Douglas MacArthur.*

*The former young Seneca man was killed in action near **Jacquinot Bay** on New Britain Island, on January 16, 1944. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winterscheidt, two brothers, Glen and Bobby, of the home and a brother, Carroll, Hutchinson, Kans., who entered military service today.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

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*Killed in Action*

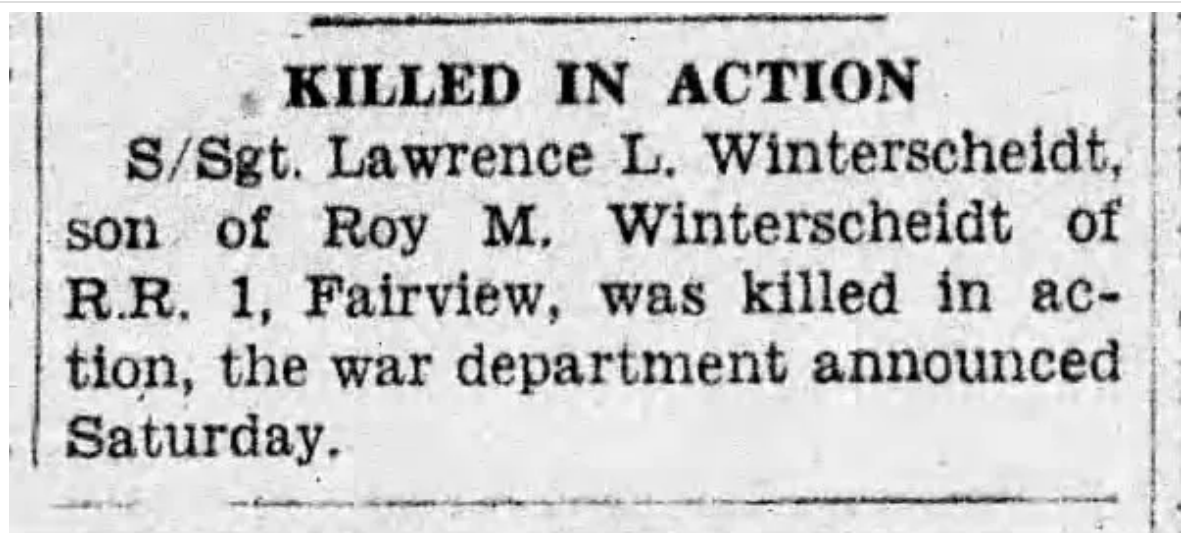
*S/Sgt. Lawrence L. Winterscheidt, son of Roy M. Winterscheidt of R.R. 1, Fairview, was killed in action, the war department announced Saturday.*

**THE ENID MORNING NEWS (ENID, OKLAHOMA)**

**20 FEB 1944**

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### *War Casualties*

#### *Southwest Pacific Area*

*Staff Sgt. Lawrence L. Winterscheidt, son of Roy M. Winterscheidt,  
Fairview*

**THE MANHATTAN MERCURY (MANHATTAN, KS)**

**21 FEB 1944**

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## War Casualties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—  
The War department made public today a list of 190 United States Army personnel who have been killed in action, including the following from Kansas:

### European Areas

Staff Sgt. Harold L. Morris, son of Jess A. Morris, Coffeyville.

### Mediterranean Area

2nd Lt. Neil D. Chapman, husband of Mrs. Almira M. Chapman, Wichita.

Pvt. Roy G. Harden, son of Clarence Harden, Parsons.

### Southwest Pacific Area

Staff Sgt. Lawrence L. Winterscheidt, son of Roy M. Winterscheidt, Fairview.



### News of Men in Service

*Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winterscheidt, Fairview, have received the Purple Heart, posthumously for their son, Sergeant Lawrence Winterscheidt, who lost his life in action January 16 in the **New Britain area**.*

*Lawrence, a graduate of Seneca Catholic high school in the class of 1937, had been in service 18 months, overseas about four months. A letter from Lawrence's best friend, a Maryland boy, Jack Menefee, is comforting to the bereaved family and reads as follows:*

*"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Winterscheidt: I know during these times of sorrow for you dear folks, over the loss of your son, this letter will not seem like much, but I'd like to express to you my deepest sorrow and sympathy To me, Larry has alway been my closest pal, and his troubles were mine, vise versa. I was his gunner, on the same crew. Trained with him and came overseas with him and flew on a few missions with him until they split us*

*up on separate crews. He always told me to write if anything did happen to him and what to send home. Being his nearest friend I have separated his things with a very sad heart. It was his first mission after his leave in Australia. His plane was hit by Jap fire, burned, crashed and exploded as it hit the ground. He felt no pain. It was quick, I know as an eyewitness. He died bravely. He was considered one of the best radio men. I loved him too. Please accept this letter and my deepest sorrow with you folks. You have my word, I'll avenge his death. In sympathy, I am Jack Menefee."*

**COURIER TRIBUNE**

**28 FEB 1944**

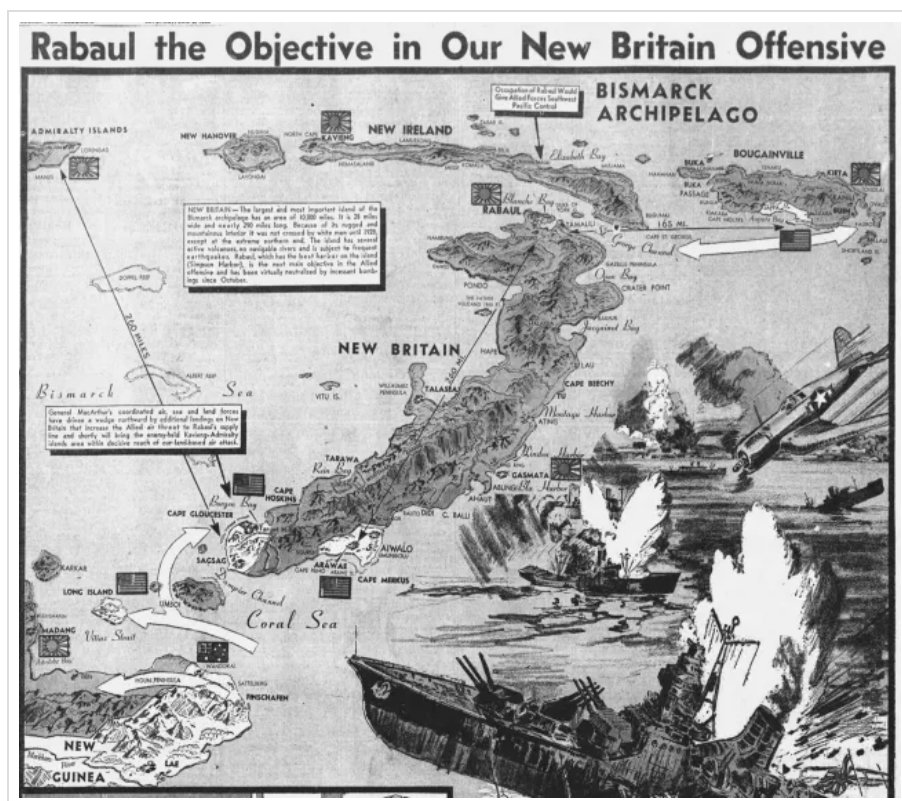
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Below is a map of the Pacific theater of war about the time Lawrence Winterscheidt's plane was shot down.



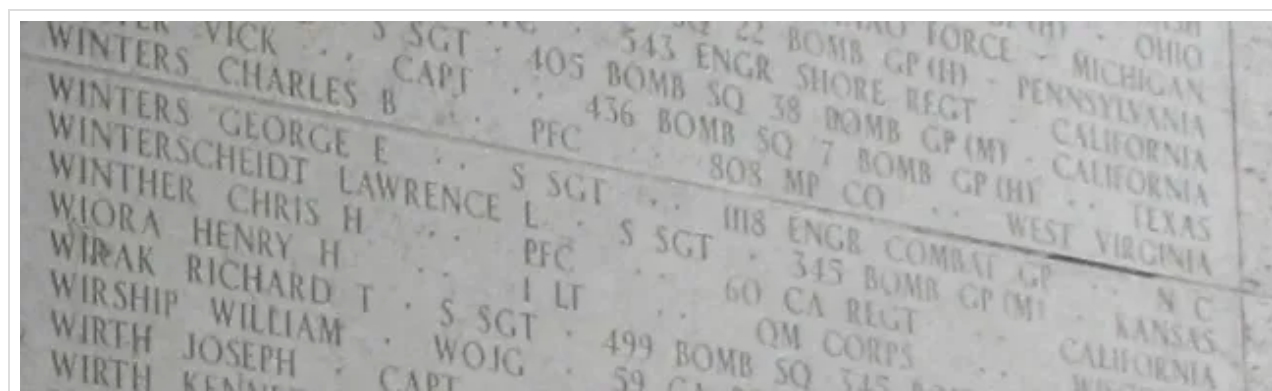
Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph, 8 Jan 1944, page 14

Below is a map of the New Britain area. The Winterscheidt obituary indicates his plane went down near **Jacquinet Bay** which is on the East side of New Britain.



Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph, 8 Jan 1944, page 14

Lawrence's name appears on the tablets of the Manila American Cemetery honoring those who died near the Phillipines during WW2.



The memorial indicates that Lawrence Winterscheidt was a member of the 345 Bomber Group. The 26 May 2016 issue of the Sabetha Herald included an article about Lawrence Winterscheidt's service




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# SSGT Lawrence L Winterscheidt

**BIRTH**

17 Dec 1919  
Fairview, Brown County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH**

16 Jan 1944 (aged 24)  
Guinea

**BURIAL**

[Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery](#)  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**PLOT**

Sec 5 Lot 2 Sp

**MEMORIAL ID**

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Radioman on B-25 Bomber during World War II. Killed in Action - New Britain Island in the Pacific Theatre.

### Inscription

S/Sgt US Army  
World War II

# James Story Family

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 25, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: FLEMING COUNTY, RICKETTS

Do you ever struggle documenting the children in a family? While census records can make it fairly easy to place children in a family starting with 1850 and working toward the present. However, this task is more difficult for families living prior to 1850.

I know I often use the FamilySearch tree as a guide to help me figure out these families. While wills and probate records can help with this, there are times when those records don't exist. Thus, the task becomes more difficult.

Fortunately, if the father owned land, a deed might help identify the children. For my fifth great grandfather, James Story, I believe I found such a deed. In 1831, Joseph Story purchases some Fleming County, Kentucky land from several parties, including my 4th great grandparents, Edward Ricketts and Sarah his wife. This deed identifies the following sellers of the land.

- William Story and Jane his wife
- Elijah Story and Martha his wife
- John Story
- James Story and Rebecca his wife
- Lewis Story and Anne his wife
- James Graham and Mary his wife
- Edward Ricketts and Sarah his wife

While this family group tends to agree with the FamilySearch family for James Story, there are some discrepancies.

- FamilySearch tree has TWO children named John



- Daughter, Jane and her husband Bethel Harrison are not named in the deed
- Son, George is not named in the deed

Before I can conclude that this deed is for the children of James Story, I need to verify that James Story owned this land. However, this deed is a starting point for documenting the family structure.



*Fleming County Kentucky*

*Deeds, 1798-1900*

*Vols. Q-R 1830-1833*

*Film 343981 DGS 7897626*

*Book Q*

*page 467 (image 267)*

*This Indenture made this twenty sixth day of February  
one thousand eight hundred and thirty one between James  
Graham and Mary his wife James Story and Rebecca his  
wife John Story and Elizah Story and Martha his wife William  
Story and Jane his wife Edward Ricketts and Sarah his wife and Lewis  
Story and Ann his wife of Fleming County and State of Kentucky  
of the one part and Joseph Story of Fleming County and state  
aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said James  
Graham and Mary James Story and Rebecca John Story Elijah  
Story and Martha William Story and Ann Edward Ricketts and  
Sarah and Lewis Story and Anne for and in consideration of the  
sums of fifty four dollars to Jame s Graham  
& thirty eight dollars to James Story &  
Sixty five to John Story fifty dollars to Elijah Story fifty dollars  
to William Story fifty dollars to Edward Ricketts and fifty dollars  
to Lewis story to them in hand paid by the said Joseph Story  
at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents*

*the receipts whereof they do hereby & acknowledge have bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain sell alien en and confirm unto the said Joseph Story and to his heirs & assigns forever their undivided shares of a tract or parcel of land containing by survey one hundred and nine and a half acres more or less situated lying and being in the aforesaid county of Fleming on both sides of Locust creek being a part of twenty thousand cares patented in*

*page 468 (image 268)*

*the name of John Craig and bounded as follows viz*

*Beginning at a stake in John Hunt line thence east*

*116 poles to a stake thence south 4 poles 22 links to a locust stump*

*thence N 82 degrees E 31 poles eleven links to a dead oak thence N 4 1/2 degrees*

*W 51 poles to a black ash stump thence along Graham line*

*N 22 degrees W 129 1/2 poles to a sugar tree and black ash thence*

*South 63 degrees 26 poles to Hedrick corner black oak and sugartree*

*thence N 10 degrees W 21 poles to a black ash sugartree and hickory*

*thence west 26 poles to a small blue ash and*

*hickory thence south 25 1/2 degrees W 71 poles to a sugartree thence*

*west 31 1/2 poles to a stake an the bank of the creek thence*

*S 15 degrees W 113 poles to the beginning to have and to hold the*

*aforesaid one hundred and nine and a half acres of land*

*with all the appurtenances tot he said Joseph Story and to*

*his heirs and assigns forever and the aforesaid Jas Graham*

*Jas Story John Story Elijah Story William Story Edwd Ricketts*

*and Lewis Story for themselves their heir executors and*

*administrators do covenant and agree with him the*

*said Joseph Story and his heirs that they the said Graham*

*Story and Ricketts and their heirs will and shall warrant*

*and forever defend the aforesaid one hundred and nine*

*and a half acres of land with all the appurtenances*

*thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining*

*to the said Joseph Story and to his heirs and assigns  
forever form the claim of them the aforesaid James  
Graham James Story and John Story Elijah Story &  
William Story Edward Ricketts and Lewis Story and  
their heirs and all and every other person or persons  
whatsoever claiming under them the aforesaid  
James Graham James Story John Story Elijah Story  
William Story Edward Ricketts and Lewis Story their  
heirs executors and administrators or assigns  
In Testimony whereof the said James Graham  
James Story John Story Elijah Story William Story Edward  
Ricketts and Lewis Story have to these presents set their  
hand and seals the day and date above written.*

*William Story (seal)*

*Jane Story (seal)*

*Elijah Story (seal)*

*Martha Story (seal)*

*John Story (seal)*

*James Story (seal)*

*Rebecca (her mark) Story (seal)*

*Lewis Story (seal)*

*Anne (her Mark) Story (Seal)*

*James Graham (Seal)*

*Mary (her mark) Graham (seal)*

*Edward Ricketts (seal)*

*Sarah Ricketts (Seal)*

*Att Thos Gardner*

*Thos Story*

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*Fleming County Sct September 16th 1831*

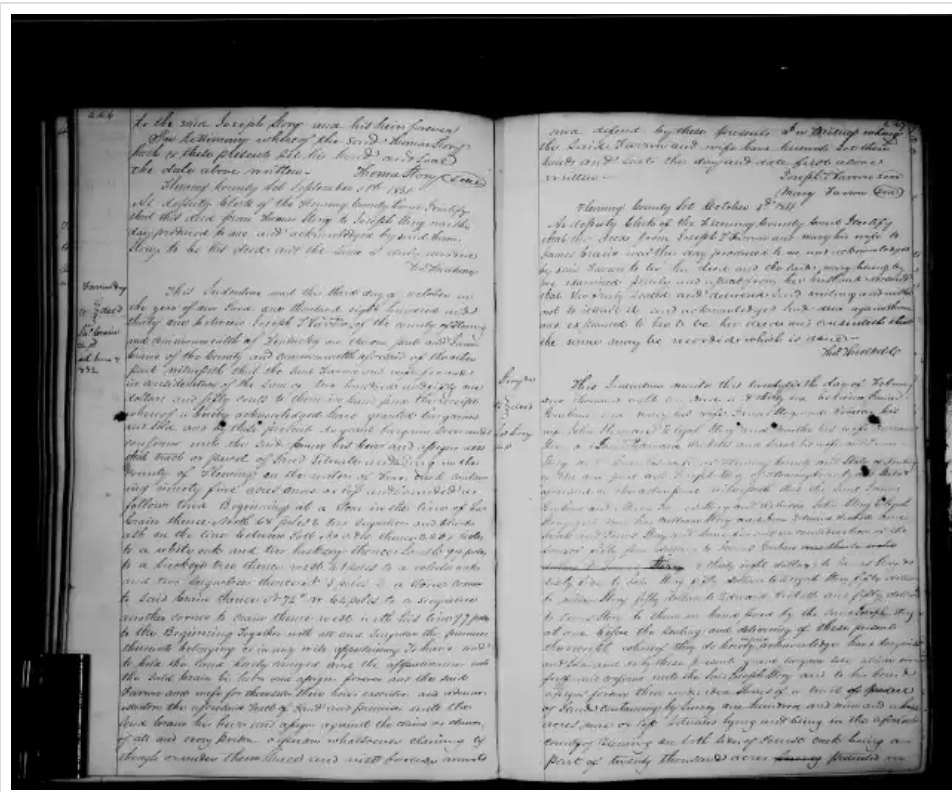
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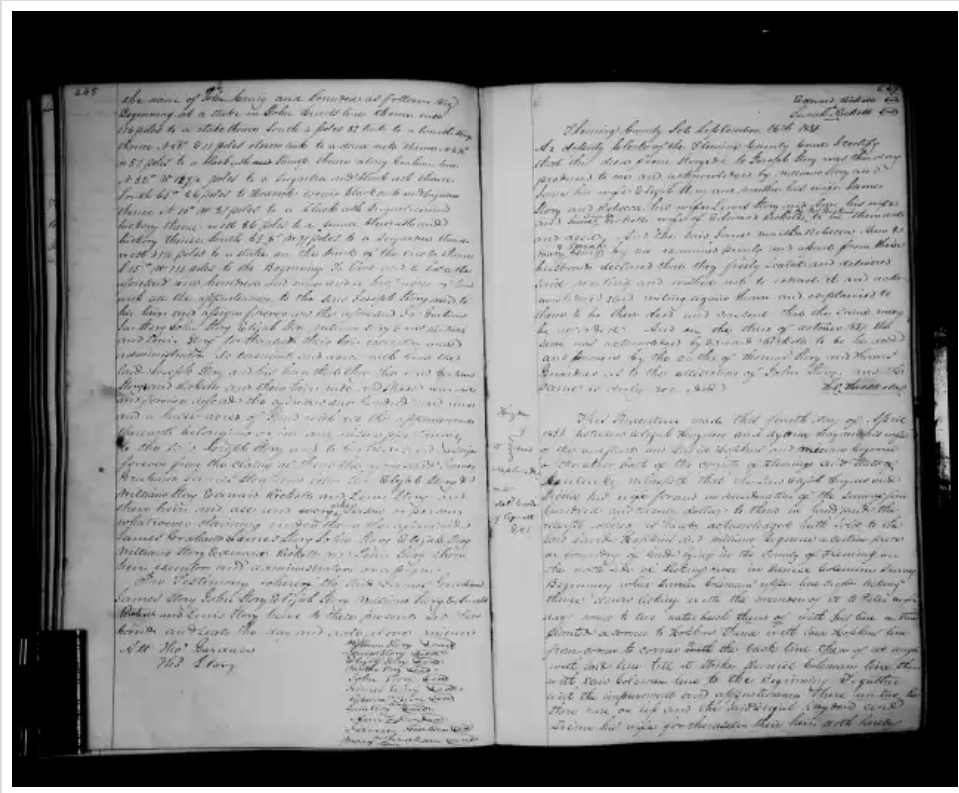
*that this deed from Story & etc to Joseph Story was this day*



produced to me and acknowledged by William Story and Jane his wife Elijah Story and Martha his wife James Story and Rebecca his wife Lewis Story and Ann his wife and Sarah Ricketts wife of Edward Ricketts Jas Graham to be their act and deed and the said Jane Martha Rebecca Anne & Mary & Sarah being by me examined privily and apart from their husbands declared that they freely sealed and delivered said writing and wished not to retract it and acknowledged said writing again shown and explained to them to be their deed and consent that the same may be recorded And on the third of October 1831 the same was acknowledged by Edward Ricketts to be his deed and proven by the oaths of Thomas Story and Thomas Guardner as to the attestations of John Story and the same is duly recorded.

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# County Records

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 26, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: FLEMING COUNTY, RICKETTS

Are you a member of the SASE (Self-addressed stamped envelopes) generation of genealogists? If so, you may also be a member of the 'travel to courthouse' generation.

While recently going thru one of my family notebooks with the intent to make sure I had everything documented in my RootsMagic file and then to update sources on FamilySearch, I discovered some marriage records for my 4th great grandfather, Edward Ricketts.

The photocopies in my notebook were obtained from the Fleming County (Kentucky) Clerk's office using a SASE. One of the items was a photocopy from the marriage register book.

Marriage Register 00 page 83

Records of Pretenses of Marriages of Fleming			
83	Men's Names	Women's Names	
1	Edgar Rose	Catharine Stutz	1
2	Jonah Rutton	Mary Penne	2
3	William Rof	Polly Arnold	3
4	Jacob Rues	Elizabeth Vincens	4
5	Edward Ricketts	Sary Stutz	5
6	James Reico	Margaret Cantwell	6

County from 18th April 1798 until 1st April 1810

	By whom married	day	month	year
1	John Parson	13	March	1809
2	Richard Titton	6th	November	1806
3	William Melf	18th	January	1809
4	James Johnston	26th	December	1809
5	Baig Northcote	Nov. 1st		1810
6	James Johnston	February	21st	1811

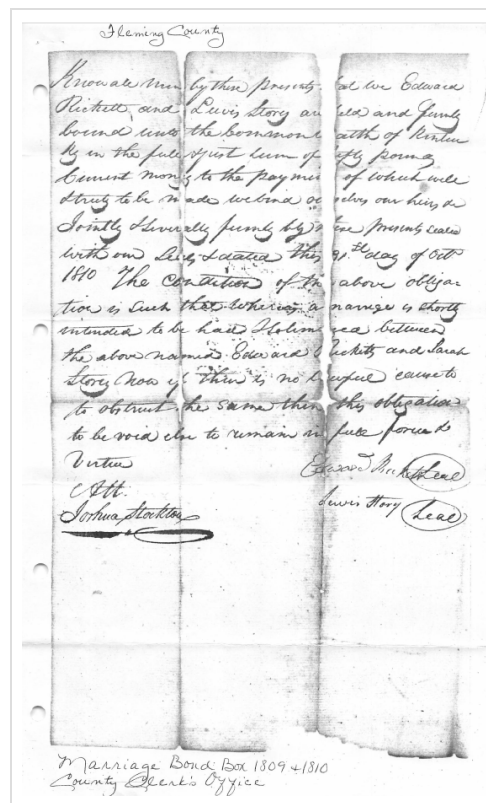
Since FamilySearch has not only microfilmed but also digitized many county records, I was able to locate this marriage register on FamilySearch.

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14	James Johnston	December	26th	1809
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18	William Melf	January	18th	1809
19	James Johnston	December	26th	1809
20	Baig Northcote	Nov. 1st		1810
21	James Johnston	February	21st	1811
22	Richard Titton	November	18th	1806
23	William Melf	January	18th	1809
24	James Johnston	December	26th	1809
25	Baig Northcote	Nov. 1st		1810
26	James Johnston	February	21st	1811
27	Richard Titton	November	18th	1806
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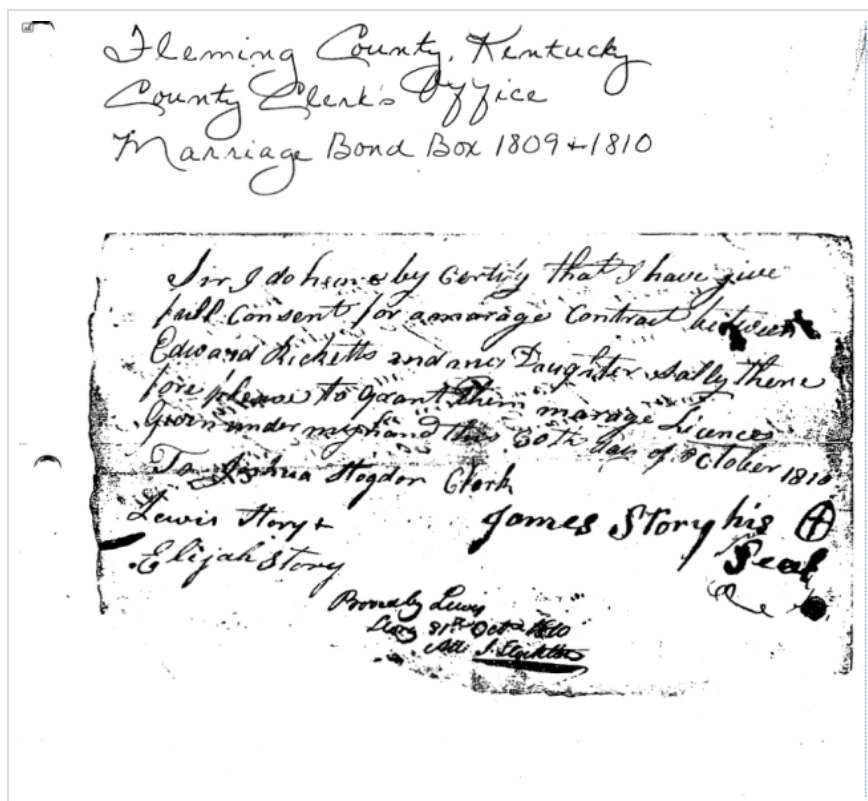
While I found the marriage register in the digitized Fleming county records, there were two other documents in that SASE that I have not located on the FamilySearch site. The first is the

marriage bond. According to the documentation on my copy of the bond, this record is in 'Marriage Bond Box 1809 & 1810' in the county clerk's office in Fleming county, Kentucky.



Also in that bond box is a note from James Story granting permission for his daughter, Sally, to marry Edward Ricketts.





At this time, I don't believe that it is possible to locate these marriage bonds and permissions for Fleming County online. Thus, it looks like those 'old' SASE skills or trips to county courthouses are still necessary to uncover some of these records. While I'm sure I used my copy of *The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America* to figure out what records might be available and where to send my request, I found that the Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness site for Fleming County has similar information.

# Friday Find

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 27, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: KANSAS, RICKETTS

## Daisy Pearl Ricketts Isreal – K88F-NLR

Do you have any funeral books in your collections? Both of my grandmothers seemed to not only keep obituary clippings but also funeral books. Thus, my genealogy files contain both the obituary clipping and the funeral book for one of my great grandaunts, Daisy Pearl Ricketts. Daisy Pearl was the daughter of James M. and Rachel E. (Christy) Ricketts.



### *Biography*

#### *Israel*

*Daisy Pearl Ricketts was born in Clinton County, Ind., July 29, 1873, and departed this life Sept. 19, 1930 at her home in Yates Center, Kansas.*

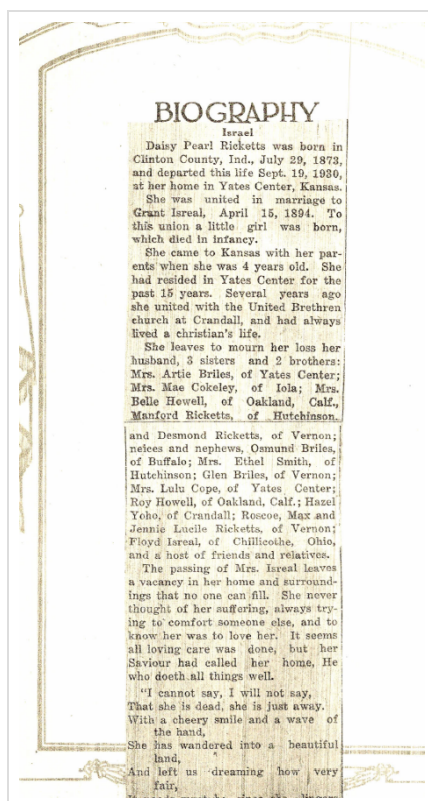
*She was united in marriage to Grant Israel, April 15, 1894. To this union a little girl was born, which died in infancy.*

*She came to Kansas with her parents when she was 4 years old. She had resided in Yates Center for the past 15 years. Several years ago she united with the United Brethren church at Crandall, and had always lived a christian life.*

*She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, 3 sisters and 2 brothers,: Mrs. Artie Briles, of Yates Center; Mrs. Mae Cokeley, of Iola; Mrs. Belle Howell of Oakland, Calf., Manford Ricketts of Hutchinson and Desmond Ricketts, of Vernon; nieces and nephews, Osmund Briles, of Buffalo; Mrs. Ethel Smith, of Hutchinson; Glen Briles, of Vernon; Mrs. Lulu Cope, of Yates Center; Roy Howell, of Oakland, Calf.; Hazel Yoho, of Crandall; Roscoe, Max and Jennie Lucile Ricketts, of Vernon; Floyd Isreal, of Chillicothe,*

*Oho and a host of friends and relatives.*

*The passing of Mrs. Isreal leaves a vacancy in her home and surroundings that no one can fill. She never thought of her suffering, always trying to comfort someone else, and to know her was to love her. It seems all loving care was done, but her Saviour had called her home. He who doeth all things well.*





**In Memory Of**

Daisy Pearl Israel  
Name

**Place of Birth**  
Clinton Co. Ind.

**Date**  
July 29 - 1873

**Deceased**  
Sept. 19 - 1930  
Date

**Age**  
57 1 20  
Years Months Days

**SERVICES**

at the Home  
Place

2 P.m. Sept. 21 - 1930  
Hour Date

Gates Center - Kansas

**Officiating**  
Rev. Uezie - Dola Ka  
An old friend  
of the family

MUSIC

Organ Selections

Hymns

Rock of Ages

Old Rugged Cross

Beautiful Isle

Special Music

Singers -

Selection H. W. Ashley

Rendered by Mrs. L. P. Wallace

Selection Mrs. Muriel Beebe

Rendered by E. E. Sams.

Heartland  
Genealogy  
Form 1-18

BEARERS

Frank Riser

Name

Yates Center - Haus

Address

Chas. Silvey

Name

Yates Center - Haus

Address

B. P. Parcher

Name

Yates Center Haus, R.R. #4

Address

Gron Stockelbrand

Name

Yates Center - Haus

Address

J. W. Campbell

Name

Yates Center - Haus

Address

P. V. Steiner

Name

Yates Center, Haus

Address

Name

Address

Name

Address

Heartland  
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## Final Resting Place

Yates Center Cemetery  
Place of Interment

Section

Block

Lot

Yates Center - Woodson  
City County  
Kansas  
State

Laid To Rest

Sunday afternoon  
3:30 p.m. - 21<sup>st</sup> - 9 - 1930  
Hour Day Month Year

**RELATIVES ATTENDING**  
Mr & Mrs Ed. Briles  
" John Israel  
" Harry Israel  
Liv Israel  
Mrs Pauline Briles  
& Walter Della-Robert  
Mr & Mrs J. Cope  
" Glen Briles &  
Mary Frances.  
Albert Cokely & wife  
Chola Kan.

# 1940 Draft Order

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 28, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*The Courier Tribune*

*31 Oct 1940*

*page 1*

## The Wheel of Fortune Spins

### For Registrants

#### Determine Draft Order — No. 1 in Nemaha Is Ivan Bryant, Wetmore

#### The wheel of fortune spins — and where — it stops nobody knows.

The wheel is spinning in the United States for some 17 million young men. It started when Congress decreed that they should register for possible military service. Then came the registration; then the spin which gave each man in the county a serial number. Tuesday of this week came the whirl that determined the order in which men will be handled by the local draft board for filling Uncle Sam's quotas.

There will be many turns of the wheel. Questionnaires will be sent to the registrants, in the order that master numbers were drawn at Washington. Then men will be classified. There will be many who for one reason or another will not be placed in Class One. As numbers are passed when a quota of men from the county is being filled, the wheel will thus point to numbers farther and farther down the list.

Other circumstances will affect the wheel, too. The matter of quotas is one that has not been fully figured. When the army determines the number of men it will induct at a certain date,

there will be state quotas. Consideration will be given to the men each state already has in Uncle Sam's service. It is expected this deduction will be broken into counties. There may be but few men in the first calls from Nemaha county for that reason.

### **No. 1 from Wetmore**

The above paragraphs were written Friday morning as introductory while the nation was awaiting to hear the report of first numbers drawn in the national lottery at Washington.

### **First number taken was No. 158.**

In Nemaha County No. 158 is held by Ivan Harold Bryant of Wetmore, who thus becomes No. 1 on the county's order number. No. 2 was Leo J. Spielman of Baileyville.

It will take a little time for the county draft board to figure the order numbers, for this reason. Whenever a number was drawn that was higher than the number registered in this county, it did not apply. The first number selected which did fit into the county list became its next order number.

The county draft board, too, will wait official notice from Washington concerning the draft numbers. The radio and press dispatches do not form an official list.

### **The Order Not Yet Exact**

Daily newspapers attempt to give the order numbers of some of the men in their locality but it cannot be understood how this can be done with exactness.

There are original registration cards yet floating over the country, from men who registered away from home. These must still be given local serial numbers as they are received by their boards. The Nemaha county board assigned numbers to a group yesterday and there may still be a few cards out. Thus it is not definite just what will be NEmaha county's highest serial number. The end stands now at No. 1689. Let us suppose a person is following the order in which the numbers were drawn nationally and comes upon



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the number 1695. If the Nemaha list reaches 1695, that serial number will become an order number for Nemaha county; if not, the next order number will go to the next serial number drawn which was within the Nemaha list.

However, if Nemaha county does reach a 1695, the effect would be only to add that number to the order list and shove the order numbers below it one lower. It is the last of the first 100 numbers which apparently apply to Nemaha county:

### **Order Numbers 1-10**

158 Ivan Harold Bryant We  
192 Leo John Spielman Ba  
105 Harvey Elmer Hittle Sa  
188 William Zery Murphy Ce  
120 Lawrence Joseph Schmidt Sa  
846 John Joseph Rilinger Se  
161 Vernet Harry Randel Co  
14 James Edward Wilcox Ba  
57 Archie LeRoy Swogger Be  
153 Alpha Henry Aberle Sa

### **Order Numbers 11-20**

19 Paul Raymond Mathewson Se  
766 Aloysius Fredr's Otting Se  
172 Leslie Gordon Tate Se  
126 Lee William Henry Sa  
187 James Oliver McCoy On  
167 Wilbur James Grimm On  
1369 Earnest Shumaker We  
162 Bernard J Dalinghaus Ba  
147 Donald Charles Wood Sa  
1300 Arthur Louis Becker Se

**Order Numbers 21-30**

1355 Raymond N. Buser We  
689 Lorenzo Dale Fletchall sa  
1295 Lee Cocran Ce  
1234 Gilbert C. Ridgway Se  
31 Herman Jacob Engel We  
156 Kenneth Sherman Taylor Ba  
676 Gerald John Wempe Se  
112 Aloysius August Steinlage Co  
185 Emil Kenneth Haug Se  
1362 Frederick Henry Keehn Go

**Order Numbers 31-40**

108 Lloyd W Frederickson Co  
109 Albert Francis Olberding Se  
1443 Marin Richard Ford We  
184 Roland August Surdez Ce  
116 Alphonse Joseph Holthaus Se  
174 Cletus John Engelken Se  
131 Raymond Lenord Sweet Co  
125 James Patrick O'Toole Ax  
138 Arthur R. Hartter Sa  
142 Edward John Vogel Be

**Order Numbers 41-50**

166 Orval Merland Bryant We  
135 Max Elvin Gutknecht Sa  
183 James Catlet Kelley Sa  
148 Anthony Aloyoius Deters Ba  
198 Louis William Wiegers Se  
139 Thomas Morse Reed Ci  
146 Moses Edelman Sa

6 Cyril Francis Olberding Ba

122 Robert John Haug Ve

83 Wilbur Louis Roeder Ba

### **Order Numbers 51-60**

280 Walter Stauffer On

169 Vincent Frank Wessel Ba

1398 Gerald Edwin Wiggins Go

145 Raymond Clarence Shaffer So

9 George Darrel Hawley So

765 Bernard F Runnebaum Se

121 Ferdinand Henry Niehues Go

625 Sylvester Joseph Wietharn Ba

181 Edward John Hasenkamp Ax

1305 William Joseph Flaherty Ha

### **Order Numbers 61-70**

660 Elmer Walter Allen Co

702 Willis Eugene Barnes Ve

86 LeRoy Hunzeker Be

114 Raymond Hudson Weaver We

136 Raymond A. Ronnebaum Se

820 Bernard Aloysius Becker Se

228 Merle Vernon Chase Sa

612 Roy Yens Gustin Ce

231 Rolland Paul Grote Sa

1421 Elmer Wagner Go

### **Order Numbers 71-80**

203 Orlo Henry Drinkwater Ce

196 Austin Willard Vogel Sa

21 Emet Francis Hightower Ce



165 Herman Arthur Beyreis Se  
768 Joseph Hiald Moore Go  
747 Eugene Frans Showman Sa  
159 Anthony Francis Speilman Ce  
79 William Kenneth Rucker We  
681 Floyd Emerson Downing Sa  
782 Boyd Robert Cawood We

### **Order Numbers 81-90**

1476 David Meyer Sa  
678 Odilo John Koelzer Ba  
78 Floyd Iven Baumgartner On  
45 Harry Gilmore Whittle, JR Sa  
25 Roy Meyer Be  
609 Louis Ross Warfel Sa  
603 Norbert A. Stallbaumer Se  
154 Virgil Vernon Bumgarner On  
1428 Raymond W. Rasmussen Be  
77 Francis John Block Se

### **Order Numbers 91-100**

160 Ruben Stauffer On  
764 Rahael G Stallbaumer Ax  
666 Emil Roy Edelman Sa  
190 Asia LeRoy Turpin Go  
210 Paul Leon Irwin Sa  
1431 Kenneth edgar Hall Sa  
67 Louis LeRoy Dannevik Ce  
107 Melvin Lester Deaver Sa  
37 John Jordan Barrett On  
180 Robert Goodrich Wilson Se

## **His Number Was Lost**

Elmer J. Brinker, Winterscheidt grain elevator manager, recently married, came near losing out in the draft drawing. His number 1033 was one of the missing eight numbers at the end of the drawing. Numbers missed, completing a list of 9,000 were put into a fish bowl a half hour after the main drawing. Brinker's order number is near the end, 8998.

## **His Number Called**

Leo Spielman of Baileyville was given the serial number 192 in Nemaha county in the selective service registration. The number of course, stuck in his mind and last week at the Catholic bazaar, Seneca, he made use of it. He took home a quilt, one which was made, by the way, by his brother-in-law, Joe Kramer, and quilted by ladies of the church.

In Tuesday of this week, the national drawing for the draft order was held. Second number drawn was 192.

## **To Help with the Draft Questions**

### **A County-Wide Service for Registrants**

There are numerous boards in connection with the selective service system. One of those which will function soon will be the advisory board. The work of this board is to assist the registrant in filling the questionnaire which he will receive from the government, if the registrant wishes such assistance.

Ray, Eley, Seneca, is a member of the advisory board for this judicial district. These men have been named as association members:

Seneca — John D. Cunningham, Clifford W. Baldwin, Harry A. Lanning, e. A. Grollmes, Dan Dreiling.

Centralia — Ed. Drumma and Ray Condit

Corning — B. J. Clemens and John G. Robinson

Goff — A. H. Fitzwater and E. E. Holston

Wetmore — Edgar W. Campbell and S. E. Thornburrow

Oneida — John Sparling and W. H. Moore

Sabetha — Michael Seltzer, J. L. Haley, M. F. Mock, Drax Burke

Bern — Geo W. Hofmann, Frank L. Craig

Baileyville — J. A. Heiman

### **Added Serial Numbers**

Here are more of the Nemaha county serial numbers, added to the first lists. These names were added from absentee registration cards which have been in transit and have reached the county board only within the past few days. It is repeated that these are county serial numbers – not the draft order numbers.

1675 Noel Franics Young Sa

1676 Asa Robert Campbell Sa

1677 Clifford Fred Wissler Se

1678 Robert Melvin Lowe Sa

1679 Vincent Henry Kongs Se

1680 Roland Wesly Harmon Se

1681 Gale Edward Gakle Sa

1682 Wilmer Henry Nelson Be

1683 Lawrence Earl Scott Sa

1684 Lawrence B. Labbe Ona

1685 Felix Walter Rilinger Se

1686 Ivan Robert Wissler Se

1687 Albert Joseph Ketter Go

1688 Hugh Ashley Mitchell Sa

1689 Frederic B Emery Se

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 29, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Where did your 16 2nd great-grandparents live and die? What are their birth, marriage and death dates and locations?**



## Washington Marion Crawford – KHFD-XRW

born 21 Apr 1838 – Warren County, Indiana

married 4 March 1860 – Warren County, Indiana

Served in Co. H, 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry and imprisoned in Andersonville

Died 23 Aug 1889 – Fort Dodge, Ford County, Kansas

Buried – Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas

## Mary Foster – LC3N-8JG

Birth 28 August 1842 – Warren County, Indiana

Married 4 March 1860 – Warren County, Indiana

Death 21 Jan 1929 – Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas

Buried – Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas

## Richmond Fisk Hammond – 2B2M-GXK

born 20 Nov 1840 – Licking County, Ohio

served in multiple units include Company D 14th Illinois Cavalry during civil war and imprisoned in Andersonville

Married 1 Jan 1867 in Knox County, Illinois

Lived in Dodge City, Kansas

Married Mary McClure 7 Nov 1897 – Dodge City, Kansas

Married Mary Grim 29 Oct 1906 – Edwards county, Kansas

Died 8 April 1928 – Soldier's Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles County, California

Buried – Los Angeles National Cemetery, California

Sarah Ellen Ralston – 2BK1-HM1

Born 11 May 1849 – Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

Married 1 Jan 1867 – Knox County, Illinois

Died 18 October 1892 – Dodge City, Kansas

Buried – Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City, Kansas

Hiram M. Currey – K8RB-JFN

Born 13 Aug 1835 – Peoria, Illinois

Married 3 Aug 1856 – Weston, Platte County, Missouri

Served Company B of 12th Cavalry Regiment, Kansas militia

Died 2 March 1901 – Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas

Buried – Mt. Muncie Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas

Angelina Jane Burke – KHC9-K8C

Born 30 Aug 1836 – Kentucky

Married 3 August 1856 – Weston, Platte County, Missouri

Died – 26 Mary 1901 – Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansa

Buried – Mt. Muncie Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas

Albert Hutchinson – L4QF-FNS

Born about 1836 – Northampton, Fulton County, New York

Married 14 Sep 1859 – Black Hawk County, Iowa

Served Company D of 1st Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers

Died 22 July 1896 – Doniphan County, Kansas

Buried – Doniphan County — Find A Grave indicates buried in Elwood cemetery but map places that cemetery in middle of river at time of his death – no stone exists

**Julia Harding – L4QF-FK7**

Born 1840 – New Brunswick, Canada

Married – 14 Sept 1859 – Black Hawk County, Iowa

Died 4 Jan 1892 – Doniphan County, Kansas

Buried – Doniphan County – no stone exists

**Noah Washington Briles – K2Q1-RG9**

Born 1840 – Randolph County, North Carolina

Married 9 Aug 1866 – Wapello County, Iowa

served in Company I, 1st Regiment Iowa Cavalry Volunteers

Died 14 Jul 1879- Coffey County, Kansas

Buried – Big Creek Cemetery, Coffey County, Kansas

**Sarah Jane Thompson – KLBC-DNJ**

born 7 Aug 1843 – Warrick County, Indian

Married 9 Aug 1866 – Wapello County, Iowa

Married 10 May 1888 – Coffey County, Kansas

Divorced 8 Sep 1898 – Coffey County Kansas

Died 17 Aug 1930 – Coffey County, Kansas

Buried – Big Creek Cemetery, Coffey County, Kansas

**James Marshall Ricketts – KV21-X8R**

Born 28 Nov 1847 – Clinton County, Indiana

Married 12 Jul 1866 – Clinton County, Indiana

Died 28 Nov 1920 – Woodson County, Kansas

Buried Liberty Cemetery, Woodson County, Kansas

**Rachel Elmeda Christy – KV21-CGP**

Born 28 April 1845 – Clinton County, Indiana

Married 12 Jul 1866- Clinton County, Indiana

Died – 27 Jan 1927 – Allen County, Kansas

Buried Liberty Cemetery, Woodson County, Kansas



**George Mentzer – LHKS-J7Q**

Born 2 Jun 1838 – Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Served – Company C of the 24th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers

Marriage 1 Jan 1867 – Henry County, Illinois

Died 19 Jan 1912 – Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas

Buried Yates Center Cemetery, Yates Center, Kansas

**Emiline Minnick – K8K7-NHW**

Born 6(or 26) Aug 1848 – Franklin County Pennsylvania

Marriage 1 Jan 1867 – Henry County, Illinois

Died 13 Sep 1927 – Woodson County, Kansas

Buried Yates Center Cemetery, Yates Center, Kansas

**Thurston Kennedy Wells – LZF8-V2M**

born 26 Feb 1821 – Madison County, New York

Married 18 May 1851 to Sarah Hall – Madison County, New York (she died abt 1862)

Married 20 March 1861- to Salome Crandall – Van Buren County, Iowa

Died 3 Jun 1893 – Woodson County, Kansas

Buried – Yates Center Cemetery, Yates Center, Kansas

**Salome Adell Crandall – 29SC-SSN**

Born 24 Jun 1836 – Ohio

Married 20 March 1861 – Van Buren County, Iowa

Died 30 Aug 1893 – Woodson County, Kansas

Buried Yates Center Cemetery – Yates Center, Kansas

# Will of James Marshall Ricketts

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 30, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: RICKETTS, WOODSON\_COUNTY

Woodson County Kansas

Will Of James M. Ricketts

No. 1 Exhibit A

Be it known, that I, J. M. Ricketts, of Woodson County, in the State of Kansas, being now of sound and disposing mind and memory, demure and publish this my last will and testament.

Item One – I will and direct that all my just debts and the expenses of my funeral and burial be paid out of my personal estate.

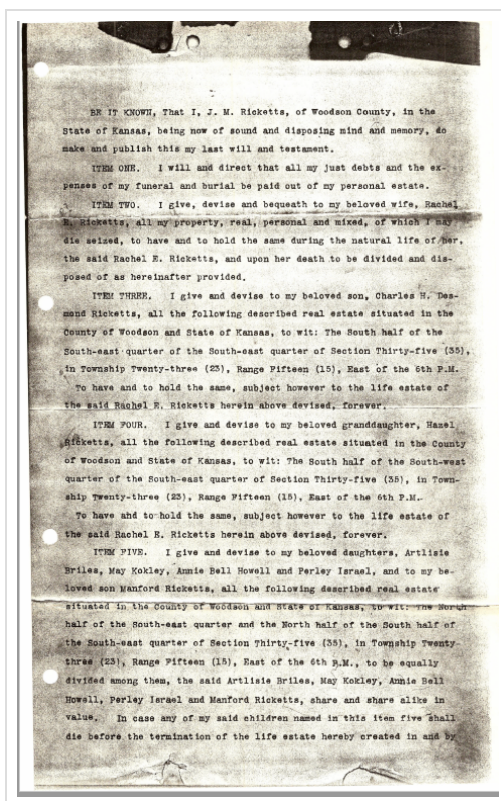
Item Two — I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Rachel E. Ricketts, all my property, real, personal and mixed, of which I may die seized, to have and to hold the same during the natural life of her, the said Rachel E. Ricketts, and upon her death to be divided and dissed of as hereinafter provided.

Item Three — I give and devise to my beloved son, Charles H. Desmond Ricketts, all the following described real estate situated in the county of Woodson and State of Kansas, to wit: The South half of the South-east quarter of section thirty-five (35), in Township twenty-three (23), Range fifteen (15) East of the 6th P.M. To have and to hold the same subject however to the life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts, herein above devised forever.

Item Four — I give and devise to my beloved granddaughter, Hazel Ricketts, all the following described real estate situated in the county of Woodson, and State of Kansas, to wit: The

South half of the south-west quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-five (35), in township twenty-three (23) Range fifteen (15), East of the 6th P.M. TO have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts, herein above devised, forever.

Item Five — I give and devise to my beloved daughters, Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Annie Bell Howell and Pearley Israel, and to my beloved son Manford Ricketts all the following described real estate situated in the county of Woodson and State of Kansas, to with: The north half of the Southeast quarter and the North half of the South half of the South-east quarter of section thirty-five (35) in township twenty-three (23), range fifteen (15), east of the 6th P.M. to be equally divided among them, the said Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Annie Bell Howell, Pearley Israel and Manford Ricketts, share and share alike in value. In case any of my said children named in this item five shall die before the termination of the life estate hereby created in and by Item two of this will leaving no issue of her or his body her or him surviving, then I will and direct that the real estate in this item five described shall, upon the termination of said life estate be divided equally among the survivors of my said children including my said son Charles H. Desmond Ricketts, and their children surviving them; but the child or children of any deceased child shall take only the share its or their parent would have taken if then living. To have and to hold the same, subject however tot he life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts herein above devised, forever.



Item Six. In case the life estate to my said wife shall terminate before my said granddaughter, Hazel Ricketts, shall arrive at the age of majority, or in the event that I should survive my said wife and shall die before the said Hazel shall arrive at the age of majority, I hereby designate, constitute and appoint my said son, Charles H. Desmond Ricketts guardian and trustee of the said estate herein and hereby devised to said Hazel Ricketts, to receive, care for and rent for the use and benefit of the said Hazel Ricketts until she shall arrive at the age of majority. I further will and direct that said guardian and trustee shall not be required to give any bond as such guardian and trustee.

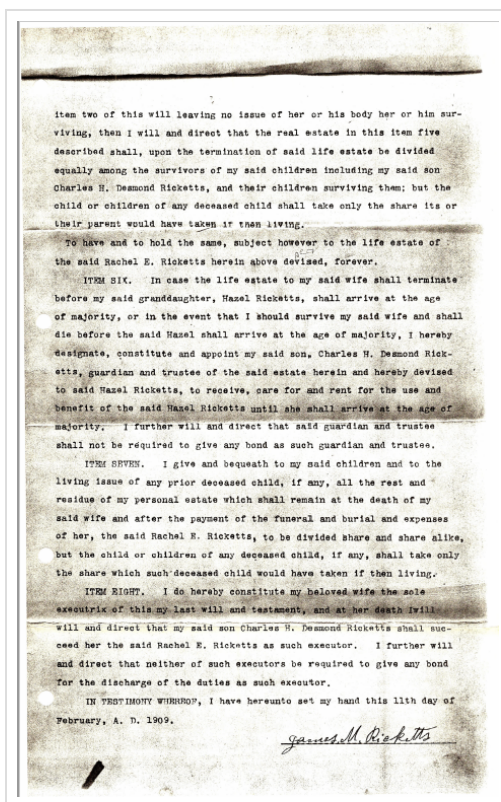
Item Seven. I give and bequeath to my said children and to the living issue of any prior deceased child, if any, all the rest and residue of my personal estate which shall remain at the death of my said wife and after the payment of the funeral and burial and expenses of her, the said Rachel E. Ricketts, to be divided share and share alike, but the child or children of any deceased child, if any, shall take only the share which such deceased child would have taken if then living.

Item Eight

I do hereby constitute my beloved wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and at her death I will will and direct that my said son Charles H. Desmond Ricketts shall succeed her the said Rachel E. Ricketts as such executor I further will and direct that neither of such executors be required to give any bond for the discharge of the duties of such executor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February, A.D. 1909.

James M. Ricketts

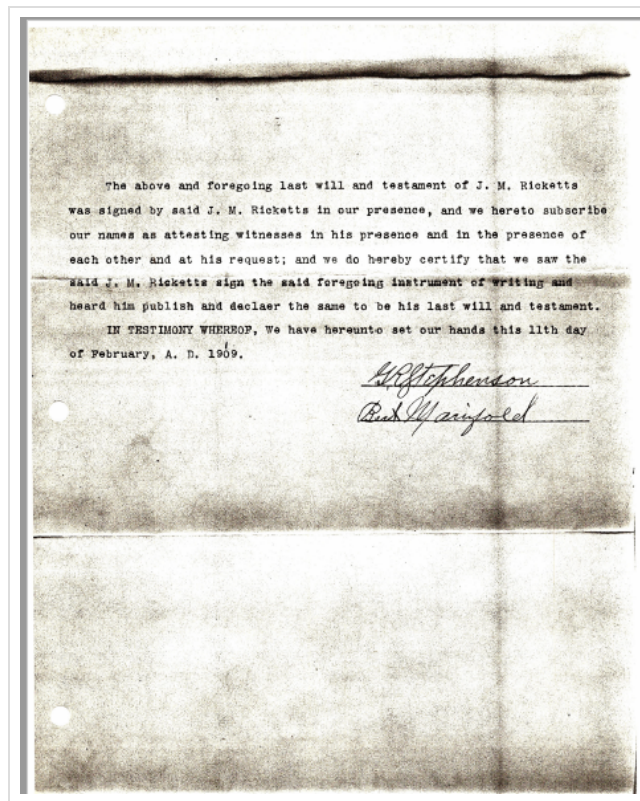


The above and foregoing last will and testament of J. M. Ricketts was signed by said J. M. Ricketts in our presence, and we hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request; and we do hereby certify that we saw the said J. M. Ricketts sign the said foregoing instrument of writing and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11th day of February, A.D. 1909.

G R Stephenson

Bert Manfold



## Codicil

Be it known, that I, J. M. Ricketts, of Woodson County, in the state of Kansas, being now of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament, which last will and testament bears date the 11th day of February, A.D. 1909.

Item One — I give and devise to my beloved son, Manford Ricketts, all the following described real estate, situated in the county of Woodson, state of Kansas, to wit: Twenty-four (24) acres off the East side of the Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-five (35) in township twenty-three (23) Range fifteen (15) East of the 6th P.M. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of Rachel E. Ricketts as in said last will and testament provided forever,

Item Two — I give and devise to my beloved daughters, Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Anna Bell Howell, and Pearley Israel, all the rest and residue of said South-east quarter of Section



thirty-five (35), in township twenty-three (23) Range Fifteen (15), in Woodson County, state of Kansas, not herein and in Item Three of said last will and testament otherwise specifically devised, to be equally divided among them, the said Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Anna Bell Howell and Pearley Israel, share and share alike in value. In case any of my said children named in items one and two of this codicil shall die before the termination of he life estate created in and by item two of said last will and testament leaving no issue of her or his body her or him surviving, then I will, and direct that the real estate in this item tow of this codicil described shall upon the termination of said life estate be divided equally among the survivors of my said children including my sons Charles H. Desmond Ricketts and Manford Ricketts, and their children surviving them; but the child or children of any deceased child shall take only the share its or their parent would have taken if then living. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of said Rachel E. Ricketts as in said last will and testament provided, forever.

Item three – I do hereby revoke “Item Five” of my said last will and testament; but each and all the other provisions of said last will and testament shall be and remain in full force and effect.

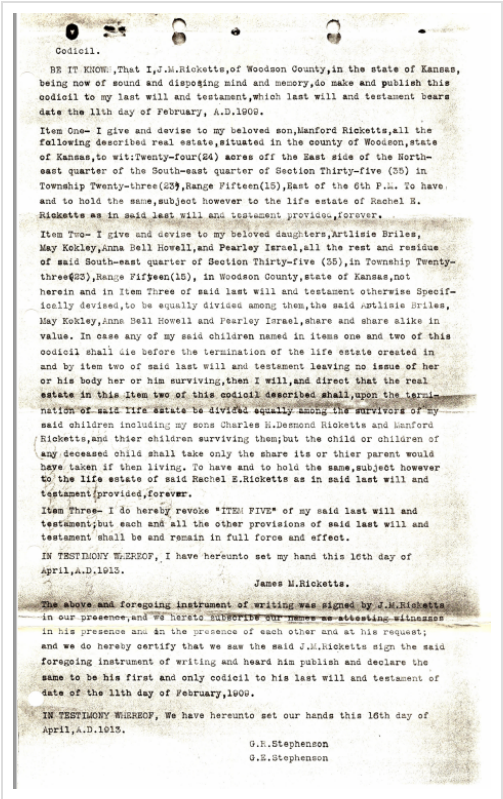
In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April, A.D. 1913.

James M. Ricketts

The above and foregoing instrument of writing was signed by J. M. Ricketts in our presence, and we hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request; and we do hereby certify that we saw the said J. M. Ricketts sign the said foregoing instrument of writing and heard him publish and declare the same to be his first and only codicil to his last will and testament of date of the 11th day of February, 1909

In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 16th day of April, A.D. 1913.

G.R. Stephenson





# Small Town Museums

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ OCTOBER 31, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY

Recently, another genealogy blogger had a post that sharply criticized a rural Kansas historical society. While some of the criticism might be justified, I'd like to share my experiences working with such societies.

Over the years, I have corresponded with many smaller historical and/or genealogical societies. At various times, I've also been a member of some of these societies. My correspondence has resulted in a wide variety of documents and family information. The wall of my office currently has a map of original land owners in Garrard county, Kentucky which was generously sent to me by a member of the Garrard County Historical Society.

Because of my love of genealogy, I elected to spend some of my retirement time as a volunteer at the Nemaha County Historical Society, even though none of the branches of my family tree are found in Nemaha County, Kansas.

The Nemaha County (KS) Historical Society has a twelve member board of directors. While some may think of a board of directors as figure-heads, our board is a group of volunteers doing all of the work to "Collect, Preserve and Share" the local history. As volunteers, we spend Tuesdays working in the museums.

Unlike larger societies, we do not have a paid director. Not only does this limit what we can accomplish but it also limits the hours we can have our museums open and the ability to quickly respond to correspondence, including research requests.

In an effort to assist researchers, we maintain an 'online catalog' of our collection called 'PastPerfect Online' via the **ARCHIVE** link on our website. Thus, a genealogist wondering

whether we had a family Bible in our collection could search our collection for the keyword, Bible, to see what we have.

Our website also has a [Genealogy](#) page with links to the digitized versions of many of the county newspapers. A recent addition to this page is a link to, [Genealogy Resources](#), a site providing links to a variety of historical and genealogical resources for Nemaha County, Kansas.

As someone who has spent years researching her family tree using a variety of records, I know that the Nemaha County Historical Society has wealth of information about Nemaha county families buried in its collections. I'm sure the same is true of many other small societies.

My advice to fellow genealogists when searching for that elusive family information in a smaller (or even large) historical or genealogical society is to

***Look for an online catalog or other online resources***

***Join***

***Donate your time and/or money***

***Be patient***

***Be Kind***

## **About our museums**

The old sheriff's residence and jail was the first museum under the auspices of the Nemaha County Historical Society. Two additional buildings (annexes) were later built to the East of the residence and jail. The first annex has a few displays but is primarily a work area. The second annex houses several displays.



When the Seneca Masons disbanded, they donated their building to the historical society. The former Masonic Temple has been turned into a military museum honoring the veterans of Nemaha county.



# Provenance

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 1, 2023


/ CATEGORIES: KANSAS, MADISON COUNTY NY, MENTZER, MICHIGAN, NEW YORK, WELLS,  
WOODSON\_COUNTY


Do you have a family scrapbook, photo album or Bible in your possession? If so, have you documented how you obtained ownership of the item(s)? While most of the photo albums, funeral books and family Bibles were passed down to me by my grandmothers, I am encountering an issue where I need to document the provenance of a photocopy.

While I use FamilySearch's watch feature to monitor changes to many of the James Crawford families I've researched along with my ancestors, most of the changes are for the addition of sources and memories or for cleaning up dates and places. Thus, I only check these changes about once a month. A recent check found that the family of Ozias (KHPF-QW9) and Mary (Kennedy) Wells (9V31-KKM) had a child named Thurston (9NPK-FY6) added. Since my Wells line goes thru Thurston Kennedy Wells (LZF8-V2M) that placed two sons named Thurston in the family of Ozias and Mary Wells.

☒ Show All Family Members









### Spouses and Children


**Ozias Wells**  
 1796-1832 • KHPF-QW9


**Mary Kennedy**  
 1799-1885 • 9V31-KKM

**Marriage**  
 18 March 1818  
 Sullivan, Madison Co., NY

**Children (8)**

- 
**Benjamin Franklin Wells**  
 1819-1891 • 2993-7QG
- 
**Thurston Wells**  
 1821-Deceased • 9NPK-FY6
- 
**Thurston Kennedy Wells**  
 1821-1893 • LZF8-V2M
- 
**William Wallace Wells**  
 1823-1907 • L5YB-BK4
- 
**Anna Hannah Wells**  
 1825-1905 • GSWQ-QSY
- 
**Mary Jane Wells**  
 1827-1871 • KZH9-539
- 
**Lucinda M Wells**  
 1829-1910 • K8HM-S2Y
- 
**Nancy Wells**  
 1831-1906 • 2993-4CP

[+ ADD CHILD](#)

When I first saw this, my immediate thought was — they were wrong to add this other Thurston to the family. However, my second thought was wondering what sourcing I had to connect my Thurston Wells ancestor to the family of Ozias and Mary Wells. Since I had already done some research on this other Thurston Wells, I knew enough about him to understand why one would want to place him in the family of Ozias and Mary Wells.

Thurston Wells was born in New York about 1819, resided in Erie County, New York in 1850 and then lived in Lapeer county, Michigan.



Timeline List for Thurston Wells-10835 → 12 October 2023

Age	Date	Event
0	1819	Birth: Genesee, New York, United States
31	1850	Residence: Concord, Erie, New York, United States
35	1854	Residence: Pontiac, Oakland, Michigan, United States
35	1854	Land Purch: Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States
37	1856	Land Entry: for land being the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 3 in Township Ten North of Range ten East in District of land <u>subject to sale</u> ; Genesee, Michigan, United States
38	20 Nov 1857	Marriage: Mary Miles-10836; Lapeer, Lapeer, Michigan, United States
41	1860	Residence: Lapeer, Michigan, United States
44	1863	Draft: Lapeer, Michigan, United States
51	1870	Residence: Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States
61	8 Jun 1880	Residence: Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States

*Note: Timeline reports were created with RootMagic 9*

Ozias and Mary Wells were married in 1818 in Madison county, New York. After Ozias' death in 1832, Mary and some of her children moved to Michigan, settling in Calhoun County, Michigan.

Timeline List for Mary Kennedy-1834 → 12 October 2023

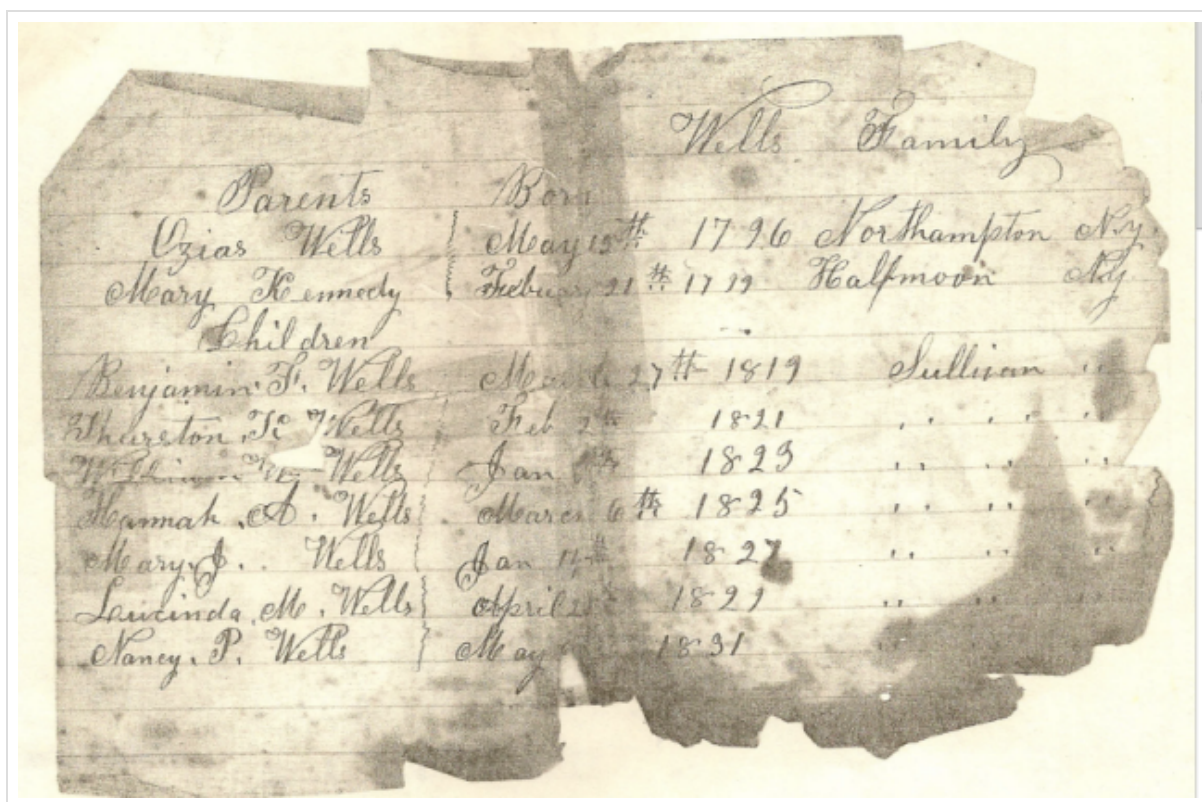
Age	Date	Event
0	21 Feb 1799	Birth: Halfmoon, Saratoga, New York, United States
19	18 Mar 1818	Marriage: Ozias Wells-1833; Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States
38	1837	Residence: Calhoun, Michigan, United States
41	Jul 1840	Residence: Calhoun, Michigan, United States
51	21 Oct 1850	Residence: Clarendon, Calhoun, Michigan, United States
61	9 Oct 1860	Residence: Clarendon, Calhoun, Michigan, United States
71	9 Aug 1870	Residence: Clarendon Township, Calhoun, Michigan, United States
74	1873	Residence: Chester Township, Eaton County, Michigan
81	18 Jun 1880	Residence: <u>Kalamo</u> Township, Eaton, Michigan, United States
86	23 Mar 1885	Death: <u>Kalamo</u> , Eaton, Michigan, United States
86	1885	Burial: Eaton, Michigan, United States

Since Thurston (9NPK-FY6) and Mary Wells are both in New York and then Michigan one might think they are connected, especially after realizing that Thurston Kennedy Wells spent a lot of time in Iowa and Kansas.

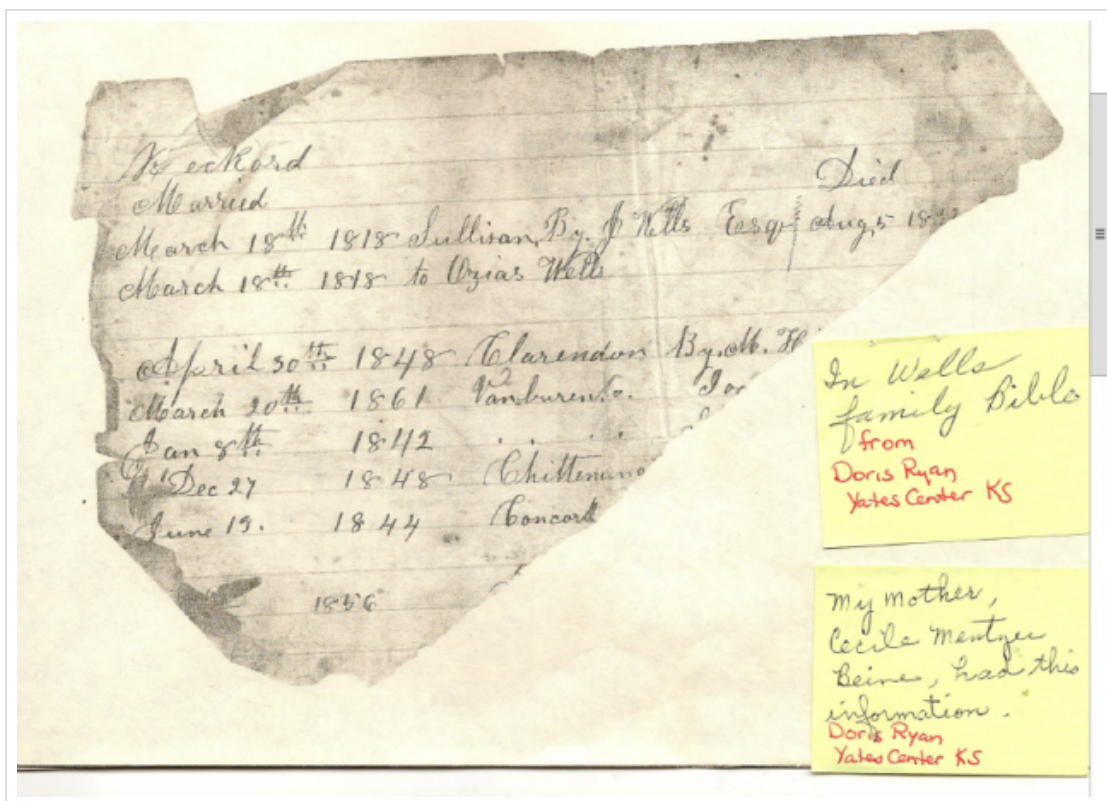
Timeline-List-for-Thurston-Kennedy-Wells-1701 → 12-October-2023

→	Date	Event
00	26 Feb 1821	Birth: Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States
290	25 Jul 1850	Residence: Thurston Wells was listed as a 30-year old carpenter who was born in New York in the household of Orville Russel in Sullivan, Madison County, New York on the 1850 census.; Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States
300	18 May 1851	Marriage: Sarah Hall-4512; Chittenango, Madison, New York, United States
360	1857	Residence: Osawatimie, Miami, Kansas, United States
370	5 Jun 1858	Mortgage: and Sarah, his wife, purchased a mortgage from Samuel Chambers; Eaton, Michigan, United States
380	May 1859	Court: filed a claim against John Graham in Chancery Court regarding mortgage owed on NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 26 in Township 4 North of Range Four West containing 80 acres; Eaton, Michigan, United States
390	14 Jun 1860	Residence: K. T. Wells was listed in the household of James Longers on the 1860 census. According to the census, K. T. was a 30-year old laborer with \$400 in real estate. K. T. was born in Michigan. Listed below K.T. on the census were 2 young males, Franklin, age 6 born in Michigan and William, age 3 born in Kansas Territory.; Osage Township, Lykins County, Kansas
400	20 Mar 1861	Marriage: Salome Adell Crandall-1702; Van Buren, Iowa, United States
420	1863	Draft: Thurston K Wells was registered for the draft. The remarks, indicate a 'bad rupture'. According to the record, Thurston was 42 years old and born in New York.; Chester, Eaton, Michigan, United States
460	15 Mar 1867	Land-Purch: land being lots no 12 and 14 in block 2 for the sum of \$300 from Mary White; Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States
490	1870	Residence: Kansas, United States
490	Mar 1870	Land-Sold: Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States
540	1 Jul 1875	Residence: T. K. Wells was listed on the 1875 census owning 80 acres of land in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. T. K. Wells was listed as a 54-year old male who was born in New York and came to Kansas from Iowa.; Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States
550	15 Aug 1876	Land Entry: for land being the N-1/2-NE 1/4-Section 22-Township 24-South range 15-East.; Woodson, Kansas, United States
640	1 Jun 1885	Residence: T. K. Wells was listed as a head of household on the 1885 Kansas census. According to the census, T. K. was 64 years old. Also listed in the household were: Saloma, Anna and Nettie Wells.; Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States
680	29 Mar 1889	Residence: Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States
700	1891	Residence: Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States
720	3 Jun 1893	Death: Woodson, Kansas, United States

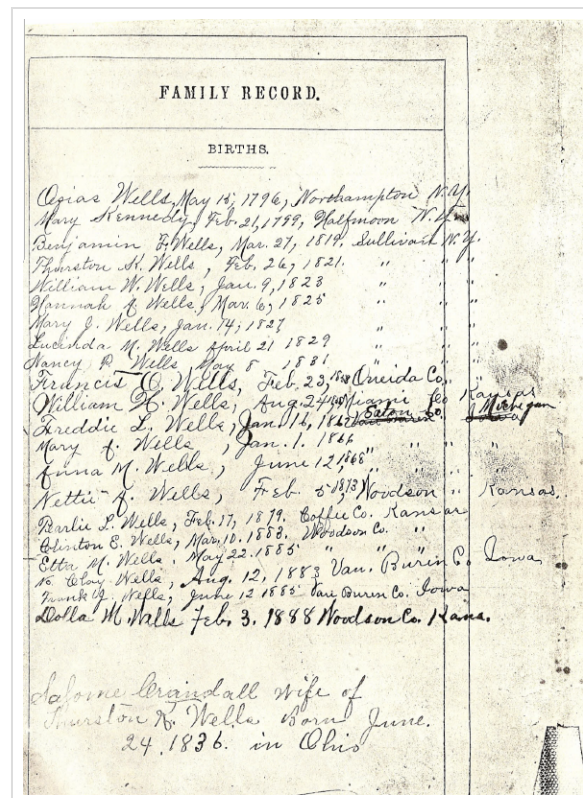
Thus, the question: what proof do I have that Thurston Kennedy Wells is the son of Ozias and Mary Wells? While I likely have multiple sources linking Thurston K. Wells of Kansas to Mary Wells of Michigan or to other children of Mary, the first source uncovered when looking for documentation of a relationship was a photocopy of pages tucked into the family Bible.



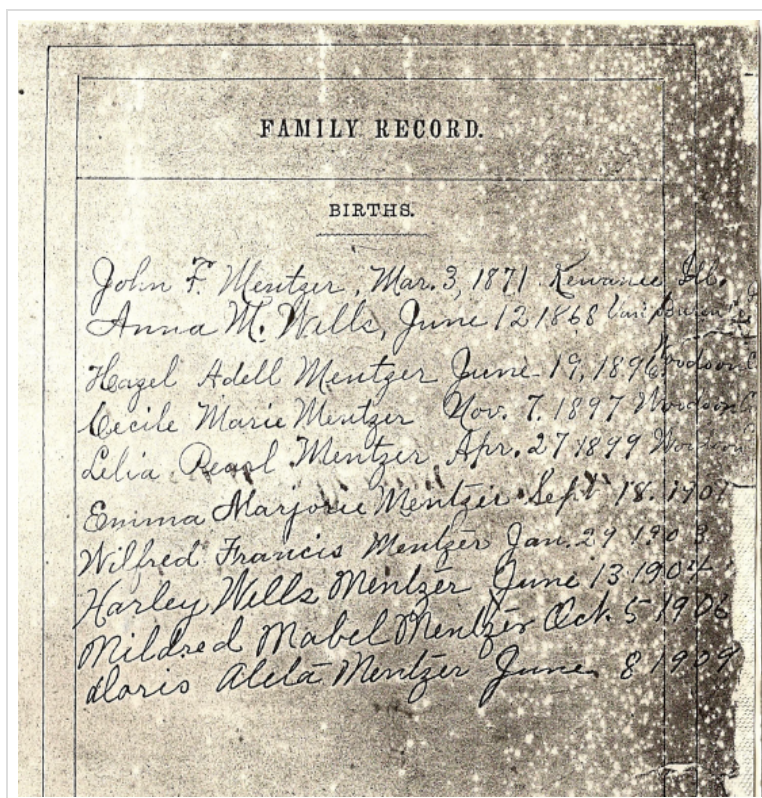




The 'Family Record' pages of the Bible includes information about WELLS and MENTZER family members.







Many of the Family Record entries support the Bible being owned by someone in Kansas. At this time, I believe this family Bible was in the possession of Thurston Kennedy Wells who died in Woodson County Kansas and passed down to his daughter, Annie Wells Mentzer. From Annie, the Bible was passed down to her daughter, Cecile Mentzer Beine and then to Annie's granddaughter, Doris Beine Ryan.

With the Ozias Wells family information tucked into this Bible, I think the provenance of the Bible is a strong argument for Thurston K. Wells of Kansas being the son of Ozias and Mary Wells of Michigan.

While the Bible record had been added to FamilySearch as a memory for Ozias Wells, the other family members were not tagged in it. Since I feel that this record supports the Kansas Thurston, I will work to get everyone tagged. I will also go thru my other documentation and add sources and memories to FamilySearch to support my belief that Thurston K. Wells is a son of Ozias and Mary Wells. Then I will add a discussion note to the profiles for Ozias and Mary Wells questioning whether the other Thurston belongs in the family. While I don't believe he does, I need to make my case before making any changes to the family structure.

# Missing Records

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 2, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BUREAU LAND MANAGEMENT, KANSAS, LAND RECORDS, WELLS, WOODSON\_COUNTY

Do you have a record in your files that you believe should lead you to more records? That's my case with a Woodson County, Kansas deed for Thurston K. Wells.



*Woodson County Kansas  
Deeds*

*Book G, Page 324 Image 12 on FS film 1428638*

*United States of America  
Homestead Certificate No 1316  
Application 2986*

*To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:  
Whereas there has been deposited in the General Land Office  
of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Inde-  
pendence Kansas whereby it appears that pursuant to the act of  
Congress approved 20th May 1862 to secure homestead to actual  
settlin on the public domain and the acts supplemental thereto  
the claim of T K Wells has been established and duly consummated in  
conformity to law for the North half of the North East quarter of Section  
twenty two in Township twenty four South of Range Fifteen East in  
the district of land subject to sale at Independence Kansas containing  
eighty acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said land  
retu  
rned to the General Land office by the Surveyor General. Now Know*

*Ye that there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said T. K. Wells the tract of land above described to have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof unto the said T K Wells and to his heirs and assigns forever.*

*In testimony whereof I Ulysses S Grant President of the United States of America have caused these letters to made patent and the seal of the General Land office to be hereunto affixed*

*Given under my hand at the City of Washington the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and first.*

*By the President U.S. Grant*

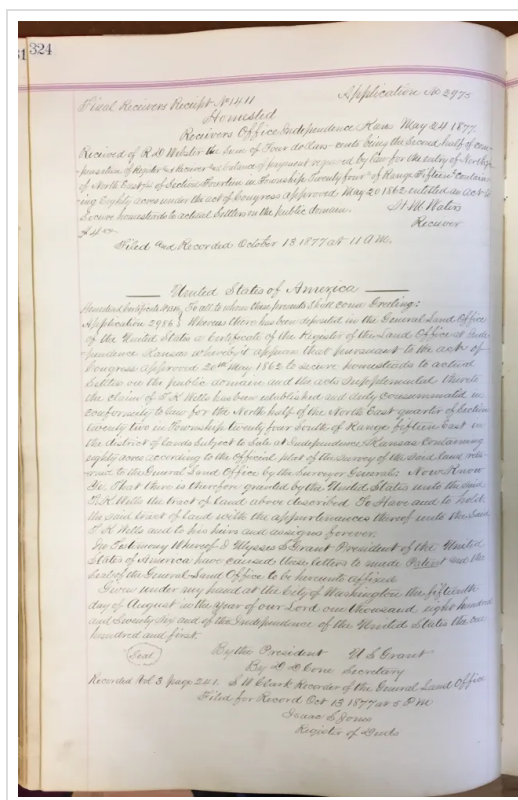
*By D. D. Cone Secretary*

*Recorded Vol 3 page 241 S W Clark Recorder of the General Land Office*

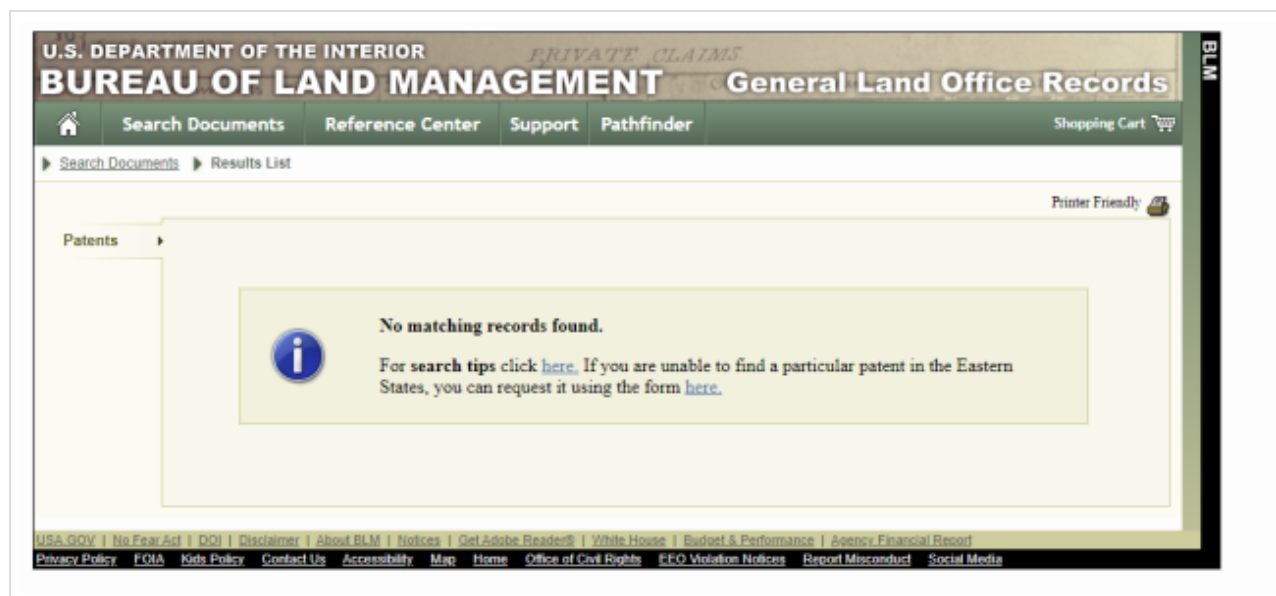
*Filed for Record Oct 13 1877 at 5 pm*

*Isaac S Jones*

## Register of Deeds



Since this deed refers to a homestead, I decided to search the Bureau of Land Management records for the patent. A search for Thurston Wells in Kansas did not locate the patent.



A search for land in section 22 of township 24 south, range 15 east only turned up one record — and it is not for Thurston Wells.



A search of the first landowners database for township 24 South of Range 15 East only shows Friend Bailey.





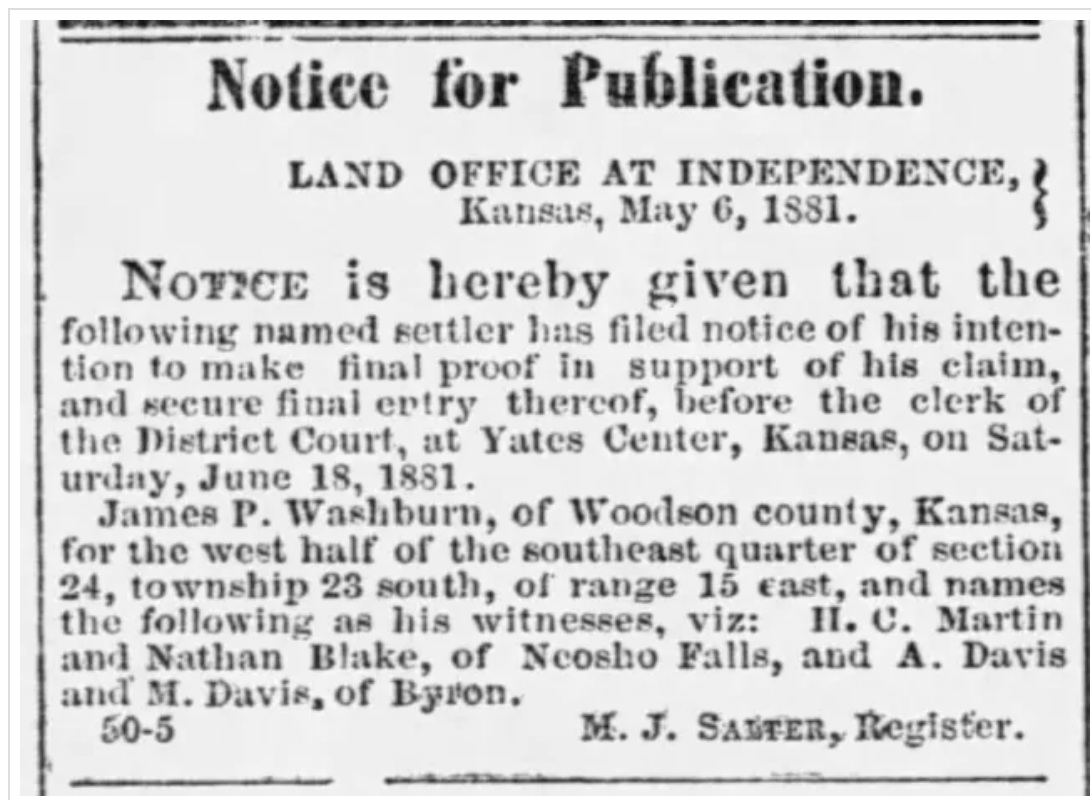
While both the BLM patent and the Woodson County deed are for section 22, the deed has the township and range numbers written out. This makes it hard to claim a transcription error with the land description. In addition, the deed is for the

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*North half of the North East quarter*

Since the Thomas Wells homestead is in the southwest quarter, these are clearly two different land transactions.

Having seen lots of notices in the Dodge City papers regarding ‘proving’ a homestead, I searched the Woodson county papers for a similar notices for Thurston Wells. I was able to locate some homestead notices but none for Thurston K. Wells.



Yates Center News (Yates Center, KS), 2 Jun 1881 page 2 on  
Newspapers.com

Even though I have a deed transferring land from the United States to Thurston K. Wells, I am puzzled that I have not been able to locate supporting documentation.

While the deed makes it appear that Thurston K. Wells homesteaded land in Woodson County, Kansas, I have not located any of the other sources to support his being an homesteader.

# Friday Finds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 3, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, CHRISTY, MENTZER, RICKETTS, WELLS, WOODSON\_COUNTY

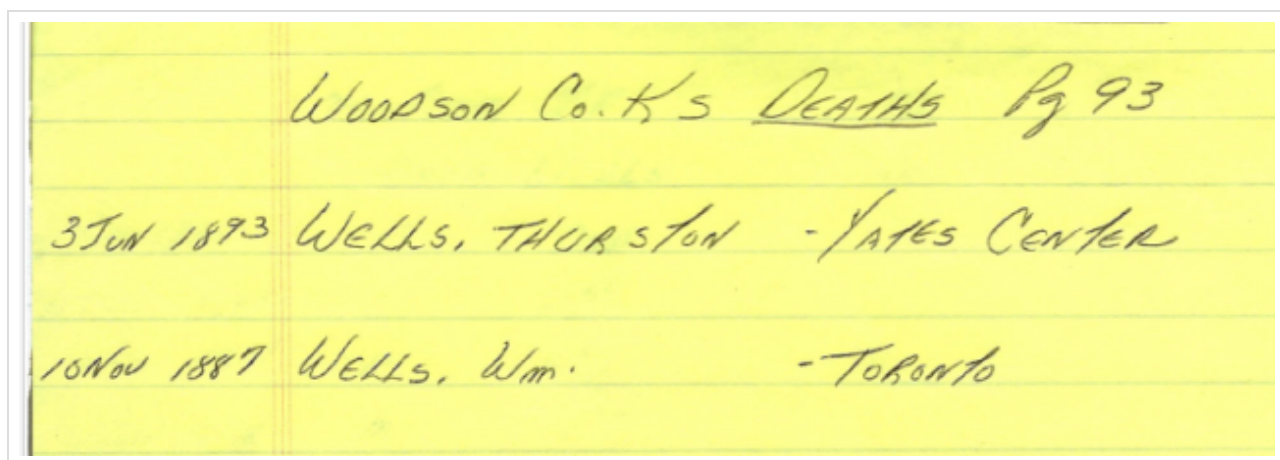
As I was going thru my RICKETTS notebook and files, I came across some research that Betty Wasmer did for me in Woodson County Kansas records. Since this research is primarily a transcription from the indexes, I checked FamilySearch to see whether the actual records were available. I did not find anything on FamilySearch for the death or birth records that were transcribed. I did find a set of marriage records, Kansas County Marriages, 1855-1911, that links to images of the actual licenses.

Since it appears that the Woodson County (Kansas) courthouse may be the only source of this information, I am sharing the transcription in hopes of helping someone else access the actual records.

## Woodson Co. Ks Deaths pg 93

3 Jun 1893 Wells, Thurston — Yates Center

10 Nov 1887 Wells, Wm — Toronto





## Woodson Co. KS Births pg 76-77

Mentzer Chas O. 25, age

Nettie Wells 21

9 Jul 1894 Female 1st child

Mentzer, C. O 29

Nettie Wells 25

23 Aug 1898 M 4th

Mentzer, C.O. 31

Nettie Wells 27

20 Jul 1900 M 5th

Mentzer Earnest 30

Edith Dumond 26

9 Apr 1911 M 1st

Mentzer Henry 54

May Litton 30

18 Mar 1909 F 1st

Mentzer J.F. 25

Anna Wells 28

19 May 1896 F 1st

Woodson Co. Ks <u>BIRTHS</u> - Pg 76-77		
	Mentzer, G. H. S. O.	25, AGE
	Nettie Wells	21
9 Jul 1894	FEMALE	1ST CHILD
	Mentzer, C. O.	27
	Nettie Wells	25
23 AUG 1898	M	4TH
	Mentzer, C. O.	31
	Nettie Wells	29
20 Jul 1900	M	5TH
	Mentzer, Ernest	30
	Edith Dumas	26
9 APR 1911	M	1ST
	Mentzer, Henry	34
	May Litten	30
18 APR 1907	F	1ST
	Mentzer, J. F.	25
	Anna Wells	28
19 MAY 1896	F	1ST

Mentzer J F 26

Anna Wells 28

7 Nov 1897 F 2nd

26 Apr 1899 F 3rd

18 Sep 1901 F 4th

13 Jun 1904 M 6th

5 Oct 1906 ? ?

8 Jun 1909 F 8th

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Rickett, D. C. 28 Vernon, KS

Anna Myers 19

25 Sep 1905 F 1st

12 Oct 1910 2nd Stubbs – ?

	MENTER, J.F.	26	
	ANNA WELLS	28	
7 Nov 1897	F	2ND	
26 APR 1899	F	3RD	
18 SEP 1901	F	4TH	
		5TH - ?	
13 Jun 1904	M	6TH	
5 OCT 1906	?	?	
8 JUN 1909	F	8TH	
		Pg 97	
	RICKETT, O.C.	28	VERNON, K's
	ANNA MYERS	19	
25 SEP 1905	F	1ST	
12 OCT 1910	M	2ND	STUBBS - ?

## Woodson Co. KS Marriages pg 22

Briles Edward G. age 20

19 Feb 1890 Frances Ricketts 22

Briles, Felix R. age 24

7 Apr 1918 Lena White 24

Briles Glenn 24

20 Apr 1919 Ruth Lynn 26

Briles Glenn 51

17 Jan 1934 Mrs. Toole 64

Briles Wm M 18

30 Jan 1916 Monna Fitch 18

WOODSON Co. KS MARRIAGES Pg 22			
	BRILES EDWARD G.	AGE 20	
19 FEB 1890	FRANCES RICHETTS	22	
	BRILES, FELIX R.	AGE 24	
7 APR 1918	LENA WHITE	24	
	BRILES, GLENN	24	
20 APR 1919	RUTH LYNN	26	
	BRILES, GLENN	51	
17 JAN 1934	MRS. TOOLE	64	
	BRILES, Wm. M.	18	
30 JAN 1916	MONNA FITCH	18	

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Christy, Addia 54

23 Dec 1954 Eva Waite

Christy Buddy Chas 18

8 Jan 1954 Carol B. Haat 18

Christy F. M. 56

8 Jul 1907 S. L. Collien 49

Christy Earl M Legal

25 Apr 1942 Anna Schornick Legal

10 Dec 1964 Ackerman Otis L 64 Tellie Christy 66 pg 1

Christy Geo W 46

18 Jan 1928 Ila Hazen 42

Christy Royce 38

10 Apr 191 Wanda Strawder 38

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	CHRISTY, AODIA	54
23 Dec 1954	EVA WATTE	51
	CHRISTY, BUDDY CHAR.	18
8 Jan 1954	CAROL B. HAAT	18
	CHRISTY, F.M.	56
8 Jul 1907	S.L. COLLIGN	49
	CHRISTY, EARL M.	LEGAL
25 Apr 1942	ANNA SCHORRICK	"
10 Dec 1964	ACKERMAN, O.H. L. TELLIE <sup>64</sup> CHRISTY <sup>66</sup>	Pg 1
	CHRISTY, GEO. W.	46
18 Jan 1928	ILA HAZEN	42
	CHRISTY, ROYCE	38
10 Apr 191	WANDA STRAWDER	38

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Mentzer Charles O, 24

Wells Nettie A. 20

18 Oct 1893, E-180

Mentzer Clarence Albert, 27

Graham Grace, 23

07 May 1918, I-438

Mentzer Ernest E 30

Dumond Edith M, Legal

01 Jun 1910, I-125

Mentzer E T 24

Schooling Lorene 22

1 Jun 1938 N-405

Mentzer George F 23 (*this is actually record for John F. Mentzer, son of George*)

Wells Anna M 23

27 March 1895 E-315

Mentzer Harley W 23

McCormick Winiford 21

09 May 1928, L-451

Mentzer Henry, 28

Litton May, 25

25 Jun 1903, G-240

Mentzer Howard, 22

Peterson Edna, 19

15 Feb 1932, M-263

Mentzer Jerry Lee, 19

Gregg Linda Marie, 20

29 Jul 1967, R-81

Mentzer Leslie George, 25

Danielson Vesta Marie, 23

16 Apr 1924, L-125

Mentzer Loren, 26

Schaich Etta Beth, 22

1 Sep 1940, O-133

Mentzer Merrill Burdette, 27

Stout Marie Hazel, 20

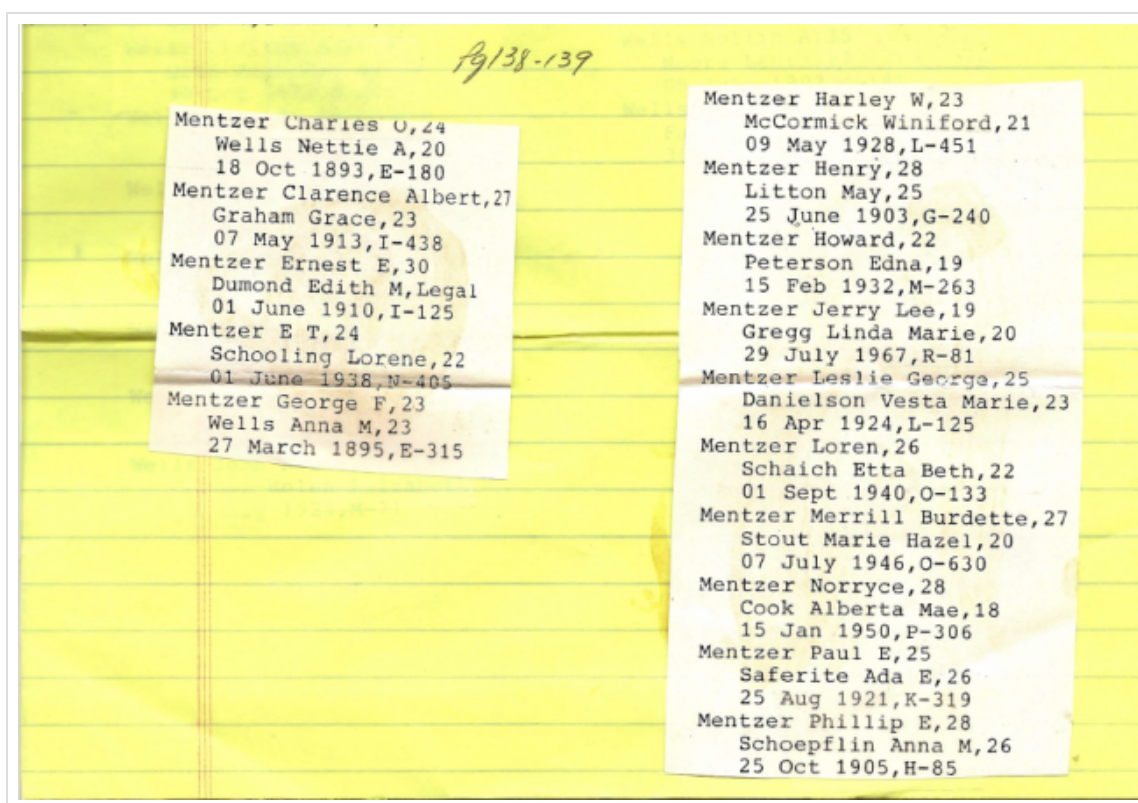
07 July 1946 O-630



Mentzer Norryce, 28  
Cook Alberta Mae, 18  
15 Jan 1950, P-306

Mentzer Paul E, 25  
Saferite Ada E, 26  
25 Aug 1921, K-319

Mentzer Phillip E, 28  
Schoepflin, Anna M, 26  
25 Oct 1905, H-85



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Ricketts Manford 27  
Lulu Beam  
10 Oct 1902

**page 96**

Howell Walter T 21

Belle Ricketts 21

7 Sep 1893

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Yoho Warnie 20

Hazel Ricketts 17

12 Sep 1923

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	RICKETTS, MANTORD	27
10 OCT 1902	LULU BEAM	24
		Pg 96
	HOWELL, WALTER T.	21
7 SEP 1893	BELLE RICKETTS	21
		Pg 237
	YOHOO, WARNIE	20
12 SEP 1923	HAZEL RICKETTS	17
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Wells Anthony R, 19

Jesseph Cynthia G, 17

1 March 1980, S-85

Wells Archie, 23

Muslow Mary, 23

26 Nov 1911, I-271

Wells Charles E, 24

Holt Mabel E, 18



18 July 1906, H-159

Wells Charles Eugene, 21

Rollins Margaret Marie, 18

24 Jun 1951, P-403

Wells Clark, 21

Brooks Icy, 21

09 Jul 1913, I-462

Wells Clayton A Jr, 41

Orth Joan Elaine, 30

30 Oct 1975, R-401

Wells Clinton, 19

Martin Odessa, 19

25 Feb 1903, G-213

Wells Ferris, 21

Henkle Pearl 18

08 Sep 1937, N-332

Wells F O, 46

Curd Sudie, 31

31 May 1899, F-256

Wells Hiram, 51

Cannady Arkansas, 49

14 Sep 1891, E-11

Wells J B, 50

Lacrone Elizabeth 40

22 Dec 1870, B-44

Wells John Kline 19  
Cooper Helen Elizabeth, 21  
30 July 1929, M-71

Wells Lee, 20  
Slough Carrie Alice, 19  
14 Feb 1943, O-364

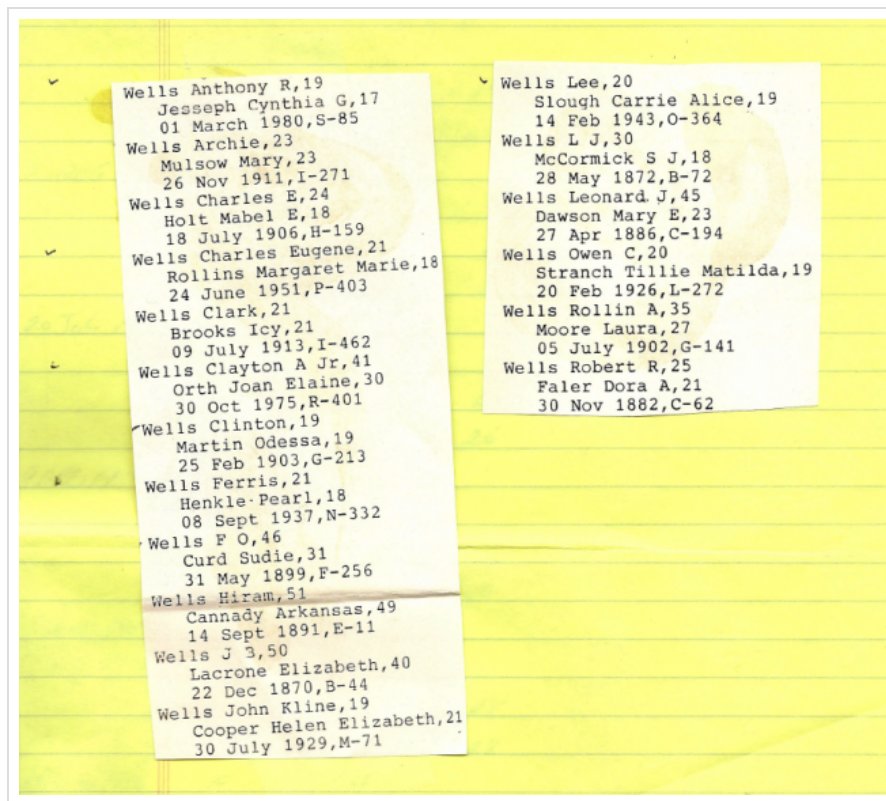
Wells L J, 30  
McCormick S J 18  
28 May 1872, B-72

Wells Leonard J, 45  
Dawson Mary E, 23  
27 Apr 1886, C-194

Wells Owen C, 20  
Stranch Tillie Matilda, 19  
20 Feb 1926, L-272

Wells Rollin A, 35  
Moore, Laura, 27  
05 July 1902, G-141

Wells, Robert R, 25  
Faler, Dora A, 21  
30 Nov 1882, C-62



Links to the images of the marriage records have been added when they were found. Even though the title of the record set indicates that it covers 1855-1911, Woodson county records are only included thru 1904.

Kansas County Marriages, 1855-1911 ▾ Woodson ▾			
Record Type, Year Range, and Volume number			
<a href="#">Marriage records, 1860-1876, v. A</a>	<a href="#">Marriage records, 1880-1887, v. C</a>	<a href="#">Marriage records, 1891-1896, v. E</a>	<a href="#">Marriage records, 1901-1904, v. G</a>
<a href="#">Marriage records, 1867-1880, v. B</a>	<a href="#">Marriage records, 1887-1891, v. D</a>	<a href="#">Marriage records, 1896-1900, v. F</a>	

# Draft Order

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 4, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*The Courier Tribune*

*Nov 4, 1940*

*page 1*

## Forming New Draft Board

### From County Posts

#### Burden Will Thus Fall on Men Already Public Salaried

The Nemaha county draft board is being reorganized. The county commissioners have recommended that Sheriff Loyd Cobun, Register of Deeds Bert Stratton and O. J. Ward, deputy county clerk, be appointed for this federal public service.

The three men are already in public salaried positins so that the additional duty will not be a burden on them that it would be to persons in ordinary civil life. If their draft board work is too heavy, they will be able to transfer some of their regular duties to other help in the offices.

At the present time, all are living at Seneca, so they will not have car expense in meeting here, yet at the same time they formerly lived in three separate sections of the county: Mr. Stratton at Oneida, Mr. Cobun at Sabetha and Mr. Ward in the sunny Knoll community

The recommendation for appointment of the three men thus seems to be a happy solution for what had been a nettling problem. C. V. Haynes of Sabetha, W. E. McNeil of Goff and George Hutton, Seneca, have been members of the board but there was no provision to pay a bit of their expenses, and with two men driving to Seneca each day and with all three losing time

from their private work in order to donate their service, it was a situation which could not be expected to continue. Mr. Haynes, Mr. McNeil and Mr. Hutton were good men on the job. They handled the assignment of serial numbers and other work with dispatch.

## **More Serial Numbers**

The Nemaha county draft board gave serial numbers to six additional registration cards this morning.

They are as follows:

1690 Melvin Decker Ce

1691 Frank W. Brown Sa

1692 Lawrence R. Miller Sa

1693 Lyman Max Lyon Sa

1694 John W. McGinty Se

1695 Elmer Keithley Se

## **Can't Tell When They Go**

### **First Quota Light**

### **Expect State's First 157 Men will be from Enlistment**

No one can answer definitely the question of Nemaha county young men as to when they are apt to be called for a year of military service. About all that can be told is something of the approximate order.

The Courier-Tribune last week printed the names of the first 100 men in the draft order, as accurately as they could be given from press reports of the national drawing.

Today, the names of the next 400 men are listed, again unofficially. This makes a total of 500 men. The list is probably only approximate. For instance, there are a few registration cards just received at the draft board office this morning which will have to be given serial numbers. Some of these serial numbers may become new order numbers in the first 500.

The county received its official master list Saturday and bundles of questionnaires to be sent registrants. Another official master list came today. It will be the draft board's next job to make up an official order list for the county.

### **First Draft Quota Nov. 22**

The state of Kansas has been ordered to furnish 157 men in a period from Nov. 22 to 25. This is less than two to a county and it is expected that the quota will be filled by those who desire to volunteer their services early. In fact a state dispatch from Topeka states more than the number of men needed are available.

Washington has announced that, nation wide, 30,000 draftees will be called this month and by next July, 800,000. The Kansas share of this quota has been announced as 8,388. Making a guess from that figure, Nemaha county would not have over 80 men and perhaps less because this county already has enlistments. But continuing the guess, let us suppose the Nemaha county quota is 80; that one man in five registered is available. That would mean going down 400 draft order numbers by next July.

A few men may still have questions on what has happened to their registration cards. They should hang onto their receipts to show they have registered. There is a little confusion, on the county borders. A man who gave his address as Pawnee for instance, though he lived in Nemaha county, may find his card has thus been transmitted to Nebraska; a Nemaha county man of Vermillion address may have had his card sent to Marshall county.

Here are the next 400 order numbers, unofficial:

### **Order Numbers 101-110**

59 Amnzi Gordon Mosteller Be

74 Ben Paul Kreutzman Ba

246 Clarence Richard Hazlett Ona

667 Leonard William Grimm Sa

176 Edward Ferdinand Deters Ba

781 James Jay Adriance Se

134 Ralph Benjamin Ward Ce  
130 Vincent August Buessing Ax  
124 Glenn Wilbur Labbe Ona  
104 Raymond Eldrid Noland Ce

**Order Numbers 111-120**

370 William Robert Green Go  
1375 Homer LeRoy Turner Onei  
225 Eli Brunner On  
642 Roscoe George Smith Sa  
703 Allie John Hermesch Go  
656 James Alvin Hoskins Ce  
128 Emmett Thackeray Dodson Se  
150 Mirl Herman Bontrager Sa  
276 John Jessee Barrett Co  
716 Melvin Elmer Rauss Ce

**Order Numbers 121-130**

1015 Belford J. Duryea Se  
883 William Audley Sneed Se  
346 William Francis Koch Ve  
692 Clifton Allen Holland Ve  
341 Garth Edwin Brinkworth Co  
1354 George Lee Miller Sa  
1000 Gregory Henry Holthaus Se  
1187 Elm'r W McConnaugh'y Go  
1314 James M. Johnstone Go  
412 Raymond C. Gugelman Be

*To be continued*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 5, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Are you writing about your own personal history? What are you including? How are you doing with it? Who will you distribute it to?**

Am I writing my own history? In a short answer, No.

Over the years, I have shared the family history in a variety of ways. When it comes to sharing with cousins, I have made my research available online thru this blog, my Heartland Genealogy (public) tree on Ancestry, and various other genealogy sites.

Over the years, I have created scrapbooks and photo books for my siblings, nieces and nephew. In 2018, I produced a Shutterfly book titled, Crawford Family Memories. This book intertwines interviews with my parents with my memories and family photos. It also includes details regarding my father's military service.



- Eugene Crawford Military Service
- Married during a Flood
- Family Musician
- Stories about my birth and the events surrounding the birth of my brothers
- Death of my brother, Duane Gail
- Blizzard of 1957
- Childhood companions
- Tales about my cat, Blacky
- Road Trip Memories
- 1974 Tornado



# Tragedy

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 6, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: WELLS, WOODSON\_COUNTY

Do you have old obituary clippings in your files? Do any of those clippings hint at a tragic cause of death but not provide any details?

As I was going thru my WELLS family notebook, I came across one such clipping for Samuel Clark Wells and his wife, Icy Yola Brooks.

”

*Wells*

*Samuel Clark Wells was born January 30, 1892, in Vanburan county, Iowa. He removed with his parents in 1907 to Woodson county, Kansas, where he has since made his home.*

*Icy Yola Brooks was born in Caldwell county, Missouri, August 25, 1891, and came with her parents to this county in 1907*

*These two were united in marriage on July 9, 1913, and to this union was born a son, Edgar, May 29, 1914.*

*Clark was converted to Christ in 1908 and became a member of the Christian church. He held his faith until his death. He was a true husband, an affectionate father a kind and thoughtful son and a helpful brother.*

*Icy was converted in 1905, joined the Methodist Episcopal church and was baptised in 1908. She lived a true and devoted Christian life. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a kind and affectionate daughter, a true and faithful sister and a friend to all.*

*Little Edgar came into this home to brighten, to cheer and to inspire. His life shone int he home as the brightest of stars shines in the heavens — but there came a cloud that overcast the bright star and its light cannot be*

*seen. But behind that cloud that light is still shining and will be a signal to point us on to glory.*

*Clark leaves his father and mother, MR. and Mrs. W. H. Wells, three brothers and two sisters.*

*Icy leaves her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, and six brothers to mourn their loss.*

*Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church by the pastor, W. F. Kohl, and the whole community paid its sad respects and offered its sympathies to the stricken friends. The bodies were laid to rest in Graceland cemetery to await the call of God.*

While my clipping only had the date of the paper (May 13, 1915), I knew from other research that Samuel Wells lived in Kansas. Thus, I was able to search Newspapers.com and found the obituary in the 13 May 1915 issue of the Woodson County Journal.

Further searching of Woodson County, Kansas papers uncovered two articles in other newspapers that provided the cause of death of Clark, Icy and Edgar Wells.



### *Triple Tragedy at Reservoir*

*One of the saddest things that has ever occurred in Yates Center was the death by drowning on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells and their eleven months old baby. They were at the home of Clark's father, W. H. Wells, one mile west and a half mile south of town. About eight o'clock Sunday morning Clark said to his wife, "let's go for a boat ride," and, together with the baby, went toward the lake. It was an ideal morning for a row. It would have been hard to find a more perfect May day. The water was never more smooth, the skies more intensely blue. Mr. Wells Sr had been up most of the night with a severe toothache and had lain down soon after breakfast to get some rest. Shortly after 10 o'clock he arose, went outside and noting the upturned boat, became alarmed. He phoned to the water plant and finding that they had not been there, turned in the alarm.*

*Chas. Sticher, who was fishing near by went in and without much trouble succeeded in recovering the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. wells In the meantime the alarm had brought a number of doctors who set heroically to work with the pulmotor. Dr Dingus, who came by way of the dam and was rowed across, accidentally discovered the body of he bab fully 400 feet from the others floating among the weeds. For fully two hours the doctors did all in their power to bring back a spark of life to the three, but it was useless for it had been too long. Geo. Winn, who passed the scene of the tragedy shortly after 8 o'clock, had noted the overturned boat, which was a frail little craft at best. No one will ever know just how the accident occurred, but it must have happened soon after they had entered the boat, as the bodies were recovered near the shore. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, the father and mother of Mrs. Wells, had started for Oklahoma at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. They arrived home Monday afternoon. The stricken families have the deepest sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Christian church, conducted by Rev. W. F. Kohl. A large crowd was in attendance and the interment was in Graceland cemetery.*

**YATES CENTER NEWS, 7 MAY 1915, PAGE 1**



## *Drowned*

*Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells and baby boy were drowned Sunday morning in the West end of the reservoir near their home. They left the house early in the morning for a pleasure ride in their row boat. Several persons passing along saw the upturned boat but were ignorant of the awful tragedy that had occurred. Mr. We..’s father with whom the young people were living noticed the boat and not seeing any near knew that they were beneath the waves. He first notified the near neighbors and later the word was phoned into town. This was about 10:30. Rescue parties went tot hem as soon as automobiles could be secured. The Wells bows had found the*

*body of Mrs. Wells by the time that help had arrived. She was soon brought to shore. The search for Clark and the baby was kept up. Charles Sticher finally located the body of Clark by diving to the bottom some fifteen feet and with much exertion brought him to shore. The baby was later found more than 100 yards away, it having floated into some grass and was only a few inches under water.*

*Several hundred people had gathered by that time and for several hours doctors with the help of the strong men there worked to resuscitate them but to no avail. It was fully one o'clock p.m. before all hope had been abandoned. It is now thought that they had been under water for several hours. This however was not known at first as no one saw the accident. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, father and mother of Mrs. Wells had started for Western Oklahoma on the early morning train and had not reached their destination when the accident occurred. They were intercepted by wire west of Wichita and they arrived here on the afternoon train Monday.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Wells were each 23 years old. They had been married since July 1913 and had but the one child. The life of the entire family was lost at the same moment. They leave many relatives to mourn who have the sympathy of the community. They were all laid to rest in the Yates Center Cemetery Wednesday afternoon after service at the Christian Church by Rev. .*

**WOODSON COUNTY ADVOCATE (WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS), 7 MAY 1915, PAGE 5**

Once again Kansas newspapers provide more details about this family. I am grateful that the newspapers publishers in early Kansas initiated the process of preserving this valuable source!




# Purple Heart

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 7, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART

George A. Weeks



## PVT George Arthur Weeks

**BIRTH** 8 Aug 1922  
Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 29 Nov 1944 (aged 22)  
France

**BURIAL** [Sabetha Cemetery](#)  
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

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PVT. GEO. A. WEEKS,  
U. S. Army, Axtell, killed in action in France November 29, 1944.

Photo added by [ladisatt](#)

Army Service No. (ASN): #37742484  
Enlistment Date: 05/04/1944  
C Company, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division

” *Albert Hasenkamp, Vernon Keegan, Wilfred Reist, George Weeks, Adrian Schmitz and Bernard Schultejans, Nemaha county boys, are all in 155th Bn of the 92nd Regiment, recently at Camp Hood, Texas, and were home on furlough last week. They will leave home on October 2nd and proceed to Fort Meade, Md. Two other Nemaha boys, Robert Pendland and John Cornell, have transferred to a paratroop company and will go to Ft. Benning, Ga., for training. They did not have a furlough at this time.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 2 OCT 1944, PAGE 2**

## ” ***News of Men and Women in Uniform***

*George A. Weeks*

*Killed in Action*

*Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks of northeast of Axtell, received the heartbreaking news from the War Department, Monday, stating that their only son, Pvt. George A. Weeks, had been killed in action Nov. 9, somewhere in France. George was 22 years old the 8th of last August; he had been in the Army since last May, training at Camp Hood, Texas. He was home for a short furlough the latter part of September and had been overseas only a few weeks before giving his life for his country. Previous to his entering the Army, George helped his parents farm. He was a very friendly lad and held in high esteem by all who knew him. Besides his parents, George is survived by four sisters, Mildred, Mrs. Lloyd Suggett, Beattie; Ruby, Mrs Harry Alspach, Sabetha; Clara, Mrs. Glen Biddle, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Gladys, Mrs. L. E. Fairfield, of northeast of Axtell, and other relatives who have the sincere sympathy of all in their great sorrow. Axtell Standard.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 14 DEC 1944, PAGE 1**

## ” ***Pvt. Geo Weeks Killed in Action November 29***

*Axtell Youth Gives Life on French Battle Front*

*Pvt. George A. Weeks, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks, near Axtell, was killed in action November 29, in France, according to word received*



*by his parents from the War Department a week ago Monday.*

*Entering the army in May of this year, he had received his training at Camp Hood, Tex., and was home on a short furlough in September before going overseas. He had been across only a few weeks at the time of his death.*

*Born August 8, 1922, at Baileyville, he attended Carroll school and Seneca high school. Prior to entering the army he assisted in the operation of the family farm.*

*In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Suggett, Beattie; Mrs. Ruby Alspach, Sabetha; Mrs. Clara Biddle, Santa Anas, Calif.; and Mrs. Gladys Fairfield, near Axtell.*

**MARSHALL COUNTY NEWS (MARYSVILLE, KANSAS), 21 DEC 1944, PAGE 4**



### *5860 European War Dead Due*

*New York, Aug. 17 – AP – The bodies of 5,864 American war dead, including many who fell in the bitter fighting at St. Lo, are scheduled to arrive at the Brooklyn Army base Thursday aboard the U.S. Army transport Lawrence Victory.*

*The dead are the largest single group to be returned since the arrival of the first war dead vessel in October, 1947, the New York Port of Embarkation said. Most of them originally interred in military cemeteries at Limey and Marigny, France.*

*Memorial services will be held Thursday morning at the Army base.*

**THE NEWS TRIBUNE (TACOMA, WA) 18 AUG 1948, P. 13***Body of Private Weeks to be Returned to Sabetha*

*The Kansas City Quartermaster depot at Kansas City reports that the body of Private George A. Weeks has been returned from Europe, aboard the U.S. army transport Lawrence Victory, which was scheduled to reach New York last Thursday. The body will be brought to the American Graves distribution center at Kansas City, then as the routine of handling permits, will be escorted to Sabetha.*

*Private George A. Weeks was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks of Sabetha, formerly of the Baileyville community. Private Weeks was killed in action in France on November 8, 1944.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA, KS) 23 AUG 1948**

*Body of George A Weeks to Be Returned for Burial*

*The body of the late Pvt. George A. Weeks, being returned from Europe aboard the U.S. Army transport Lawrence Victory scheduled to reach New York on or about Aug 19, will be forwarded at a later date through the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City, Mo., to Sabetha the final destination requested by next of kin.*

*George's father, George E. Weeks, 225 North 14th st. Sabetha has been notified in advance of the return of the body to the United States and will receive further notice concerning forwarding to the final destination. The Popkess Funeral Home is representing the family.*

**SABETHA HERALD (SABETHA, KS) 25 AUG 1948***Sabetha**Hold Memorial Service for George A. Weeks*

*Memorial services were held Monday afternoon, Sept. 27 at two o'clock for George A Weeks, who gave his life for his country in World War II at Laney, France on Nov. 29, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E Weeks, who with their daughter, Gladys, live on North 4th street. The family moved here from Axtell three years ago to be near another daughter, Mrs. Harry Alspach.*

**COURIER TRIBUNE (SENECA KS) 30 SEP 1948, PAGE 6**



# Michigan Clipping

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 8, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: MICHIGAN, WELLS

Do you have unsourced newspaper clippings in your files? Thanks to my grandmothers, I have quite a few. Fortunately, most of those clippings came from Kansas communities. Thus, I have been able to locate those clippings in the digitized newspapers.

Somehow, buried in my Kansas clippings is one that is likely from Michigan.



*Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells Married Fifty Years*

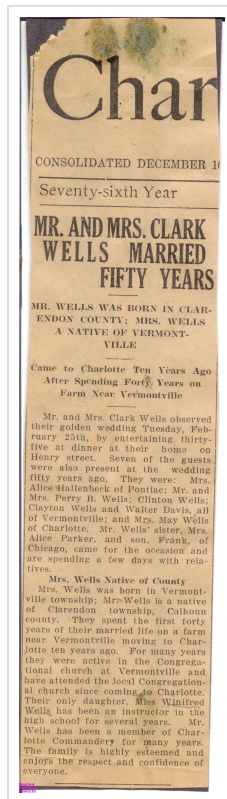
*Mr. Wells was born in Clarendon County; Mrs. Wells a native of Vermontville*

*Came to Charlotte Ten Years Ago after Spending Forty YEarS on Farm near Vermontville*

*Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells observed their golden wedding Tuesday, February 25th, by entertaining thirty-five at dinner at their home on Henry street. Seven of the guests wee also present at the wedding fifty years ago. They were: Mrs. Alice Hallenbeck of Pontiac; Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Wells; Clinton Wells; Clayton Wells and Walter Davis, all of Vermontville; and Mrs. May Wells of Charlotte. Mr. Wells' sister, Mrs. Alice Parker, and son, Frank, of Chicago, came for the occasion and are spending a few days with relatives*

*Mrs. Wells Native of County*

*Mrs. Wells was born in Vermontville township; Mrs. Wells is a native of Clarendon township, Calhoun county. They spent the first forty years of their married life on a farm near Vermontville moving to Charlotte ten years ago. For many years they were active in the Congregational church at Vermontville and have attended the local Congregational church since coming to Charlotte. Their only daughter, miss Winifred Wells has been an instructor in the high school for several years. Mr. Wells has been a member of Charlotte Commanders for many years. The family is highly esteemed and enjoys the respect and confidence of everyone.*



# Friday Find

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 10, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: MASSACHUSETTS, WELLS, WHITE

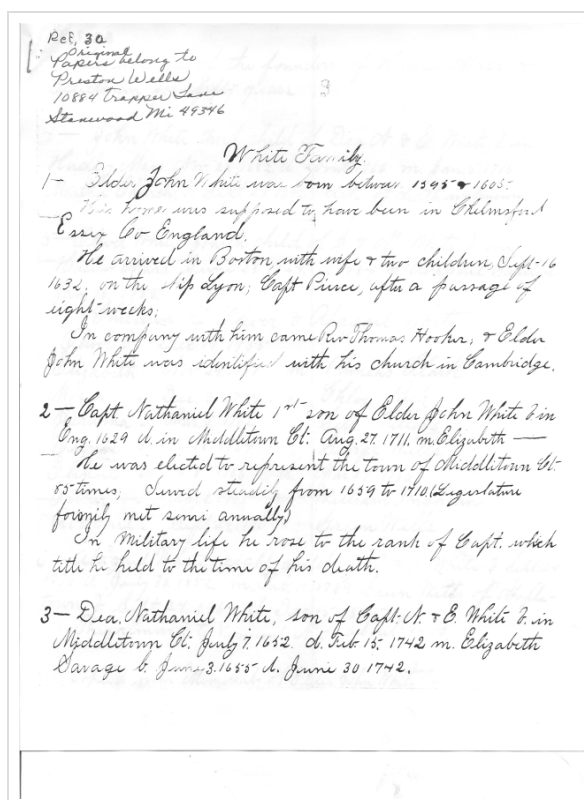
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Do you have documents in your files that you obtained from a distant cousin? Thanks to the help of a county researcher in Michigan, I obtained copies of WELLS family information from a distant cousin. One of those items is a handwritten genealogy of my WHITE ancestry. A source is mentioned at the bottom of that genealogy. And that source is now available on Ancestry!

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## White Family

(papers obtained from Preston Wells, Stanwood Michigan prior to his death in 2008)

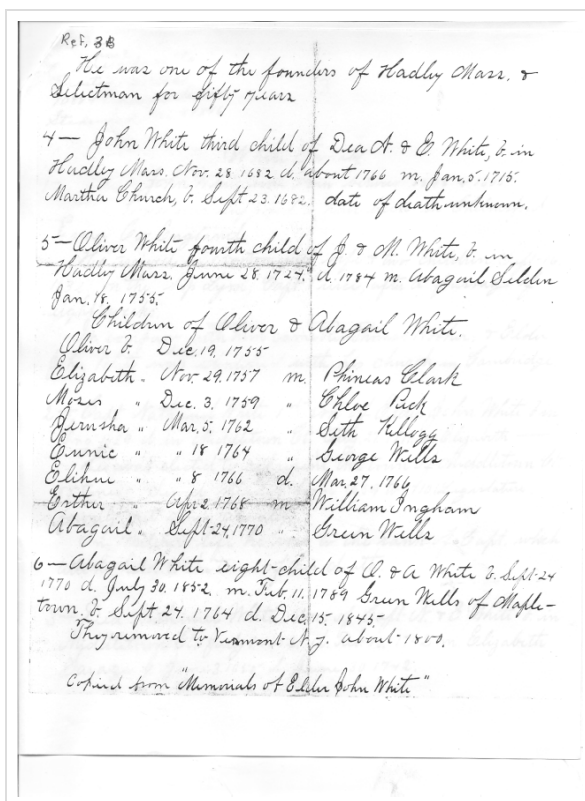


*1. Elder John White was born between 1595 & 1605  
His home was supposed to have been in Chelmsford  
Essex Co England.  
He arrived in Boston with wife & two children Sept 16  
1632 on the Ship Lyon Capt Pierce, after a passage of  
eight weeks.  
In company with him came Rev. Thomas Hooker & Elder  
John White was identified with his church in Cambridge.*

*2 – Capt Nathaniel White 1st son of Elder John White b in  
Eng 1629 d in Middletown Ct Aug 27 1711 m. Elizabeth \_\_  
He was elected to represent the town of Middletown Ct  
85 times, Served steadily from 1659 to 1710 (Legislature  
formily met semi annally)  
In military life he rose to the rank of Capt which  
title he held to the time of his death.*

*3 – Dea. Nathaniel White, son of Capt. N. & E. White b in  
Middletown Ct July 7, 1652 d Feb 15, 1742 m. Elizabeth  
Savage b. June 3 1655 d June 30 1742*





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He was one of the founders of Hadley Mass &  
Selectman for fifty years

4 — John White third child of Dea N. & E. White b. in  
Hadley Mass Nov 28 1682 d. about 1766 m. Jan 5, 1715  
Martha Church. b. Sept 23, 1682 date of death unknown

5. Oliver White fourth child of J. & M. White, b. in  
Hadley Mass June 28, 1724 d. 1784 m. Abigail Selden  
Jan. 18 1755

Children of Oliver & Abigail White

Oliver b. Dec. 19, 1755

Elizabeth b Nov. 29 1757 m Phineas Clark

Moses b Dec. 3, 1759 m Chloe Pick

Jerusha b Mar 5, 1762 m Seth Kellogg

Eunice b Mar 18 1764 m George Wells

Elihue b Mar 8 1766 d Mar 27 1766

*Esther b Apr 2 1768 m William Ingham*

*Abigail b Sept 24, 1770 m Green Wells*

*6 – Abigail White eight child of O & A White b Sept 24  
1770 D. July 30, 1852 m. Feb 11, 1789 Green Wells of Maple  
town b. Sept 24 1764 d. Dec 15 1845  
They removed to Vermont NY about 1800  
copied from “Memorials of Elder John White”  
on Ancestry*

*Abigail White – page 71*

*44 Oliver White – page 70 (image 76)*

*16 John White – page 46 (image 52)*

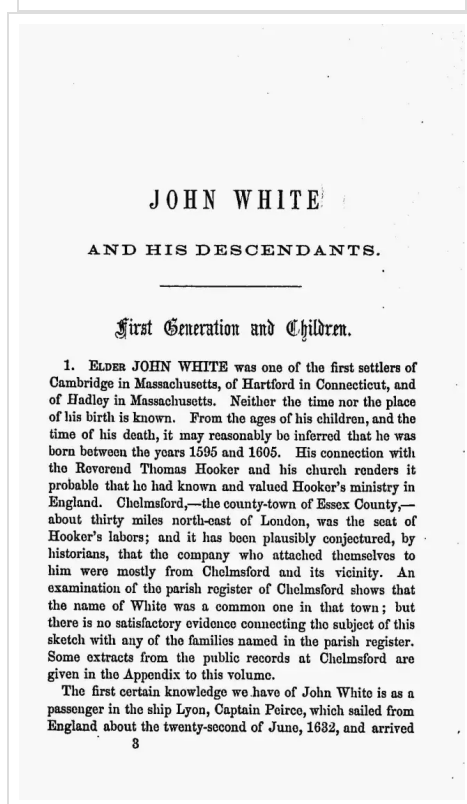
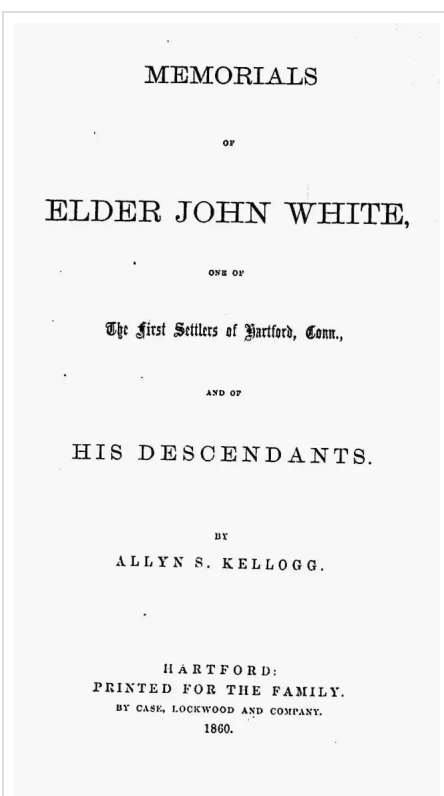
*8 Nathaniel md Elizabeth Savage page 27 (Image 33) page 35 (image 41)*

*3 Capt. Nathaniel White – page 25 (image 31)*

*1 Elder John White – page 3 (image 19)*

A search of the book, *Memorials of Elder John White*, on Ancestry found my ancestors on the following pages.

- Abigail White – page 71
- Oliver White #44 – page 70 (image 76)
- John White #16 – page 46 (image 52)
- Nathaniel #8 md Elizabeth Savage – page 27 (mage 33) and page 35 (image 41)
- Capt. Nathaniel White #2 in list of children / #3 – page 25 (image 31)
- Elder John White #1 – page 3 (image 19)



probably after his return to Hartford.

His will names the six following children, two or three of whom were born in England.

#### CHILDREN.

1. *Mary*, b. ; m. Jonathan Gilbert. . . . . (2)
2. *Nathaniel*, b. about 1629 ; m. 1st, Elizabeth — ; 2d, Mrs. Martha Mould. (3)
3. *John*, b. ; m. Sarah Bunce. . . . . (4)
4. *Daniel*, b. ; m. Sarah Crow. . . . . (5)
5. *Sarah*, b. ; m. Stephen Taylor and others. . . . . (5)
6. *Jacob*, b. Oct. 8, 1645 ; m. Elizabeth Bunce. . . . . (7)

The year of Nathaniel's birth is derived from his age at death, as given on his tombstone ; the birth of Jacob is recorded at Hartford. The ages of the other children can not be exactly determined.

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3. Captain NATHANIEL WHITE, son of Elder John, (1) was born in England, about 1629, three years before his father came to New England. He was about seven years old when the family removed from Cambridge to Hartford.

In 1650 or 1651, when about twenty-one years old, he removed to Middletown, on the Connecticut River, being one of the original proprietors and first settlers of that town. His homelot was in that part of Middletown formerly called "Upper Houses," and afterwards "Upper Middletown," now constituting the town of Cromwell. His dwelling-house was in the lower part of the village, on the street that lies between the Middlesex turnpike and the Connecticut River.

## CHILDREN;—BY THE FIRST MARRIAGE.

- M1674-5
1. Nathaniel, b. July 7, 1652; m. Elizabeth Savage. . . . . (8)
  2. Elizabeth, b. March 7, 1655; m. Sergt. John Clark of Middletown, and d. Dec. 25, 1711, æ. 56. He d. July 26, 1731. She had, 1. Nathaniel, b. April 18, 1676, m. Oct. 27, 1702, Sarah Graves of Hatfield, Mass.; (see Family 4;)
  2. John, b. June 14, 1679, m. May 9, 1710, Sarah Goodwin of Hartford;
  3. Daniel, b. Aug. 30, 1680, m. July 12, 1704, Elizabeth Whitmore, and d. March, 1725, æ. 44. His wid. m. 2d, Capt. Wm. Savage, and 3d, ——— Williams, and d. Jan. 31, 1743, æ. 57; 4. Elizabeth, b. April 3, 1685, m. Ebenezer Selden of Hadley, Mass., who d. 1740; she was living in 1746;
  5. Mary, b. April 3, 1691, d. in infancy; 6. Sarah, b. Sept. 8, 1692, m. Feb. 17, 1720, John Shepard; 7. White, a dau., b. Nov. 4, 1693, m. 1st, Joseph Cole of Wethersfield; m. 2d, March 22, 1744, Samuel Smith of Mid.;
  8. Mary, b. May 4, 1695, m. James Thompson of Brimfield, Mass. . . . . (9)
  3. John, b. April 9, 1657; m. Mary ———. . . . . (9)
  4. Mary, b. April 7, 1659; m. 1st, Jan. 16, 1678, Jacob Cornwell of Mid., who d. April 18, 1708, æ. 61. She m. 2d, April 13, 1710, John Bacon, sen., of Mid., who d. Nov. 4, 1732, æ. 70. She d. Nov. 15, 1752, æ. 73. By her first husband she had, 1. Mary, b. Nov. 2, 1679, m. May 30, 1698, Francis Whitmore of Mid.; 2. Jacob, b. Aug. 9, 1681, d. Nov. 9, 1681; 3. Jacob, b. Oct. 1, 1682, m. March 20, 1711, Edith Whitmore. He was buried July 5, 1767, æ. 84; 4. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 30, 1684; 5. Giles, b. Aug. 14, 1686; 6. Daniel, b. April 19, 1688; 7. Isaac, b. Sept. 22, 1690, m. July 29, 1714, Mary Burliss of Hartford; 8. Wait, b. Sept. 18, 1692, was a volunteer in the expedition to Canada, in 1709. He m. April 24, 1717, Mary Todd, and d. Jan. 8, 1742, æ. 49; 9. Elizabeth, b. July 21, 1697, m. March 26, 1724, Ebenezer Wetmore, who d. Jan. 11, 1743; 10. Timothy, b. Aug. 23, 1700, m. 1st, Nov. 23, 1726, Rebecca Wells; m. 2d, March 20, 1728, Susannah Hamlin. . . . . (10)
  5. Daniel, b. Feb. 23, 1662; m. Susannah Mould. . . . . (10)
  6. Sarah, b. Jan. 22, 1664; m. John Smith of Haddam, Conn., probably a shipmaster. She d. before her father. She had, 1. Nathaniel, bap. at Mid., Jan. 5, 1696. An old memorandum, dated Feb. 8, 1787, says that he "went

## Third Generation and Children.

## DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. NATHANIEL WHITE.

8. Dea. NATHANIEL WHITE, son of Capt. Nathaniel, (3) was born at Middletown, Upper Houses, Conn., July 7, 1652. About the time of his marriage he removed to Hadley, Mass., where he settled upon the original homelot of his grandfather, Elder John White. He took the oath of allegiance in Hadley, February, 1679. The records show that there were but few larger landholders in the town. He gave a large part of his property to his children during his life time, so that the inventory of his estate, after his decease, was small. He left no will.

He was frequently called into the service of the town. In 1687 he was elected constable, and between the years 1684 and 1715 he was 9 or 10 times chosen one of the selectmen. He held the office of tything-man for several years after he was seventy-five years of age. The records of the Church in Hadley having been destroyed by fire, in 1766, it is not known when he was chosen to the office of Deacon. The title is first given him, in the town records, in 1697. He lived to a good old age, and died at Hadley, Feb. 15, 1742, æ. 89 years and 7 months.

He married, March 28, 1678, ELIZABETH SAVAGE of Middletown, dau. of John and Elizabeth Savage. She was born June 3, 1655, and died Jan. 30, 1742, æ. 86 years and 8 months. She died sixteen days before her husband, their married life having continued 63 years, 10 mos. and 2 days.

## CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 13, 1679; d. young.
2. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 4, 1680; m. Esther Strong. . . . . (15)



## THIRD GENERATION AND CHILDREN.

3. *John*, b. Nov. 28, 1682; m. Martha Church. . . . . (16)
4. *Sarah*, b. . . . . ; probably d. young.
5. *Joseph*, b. Feb. 28, 1687; m. Abigail Craft. . . . . (17)
6. *Daniel*, b. March 1, 1690; m. Hannah Bagg. . . . . (18)
7. *Jacob*, b. Dec. 5, 1691; d. June, [1692?].
8. *Mary*, b. Oct. 16, 1693; m. Jan. 28, 1719, Israel Dickinson of Hadley.  
She d. soon, without issue, and he m. Ruth Smith in 1724. He d. April, 1733.
9. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 8, 1695; m. Jan. [June?] 24, 1716, Dea. Samuel Montague of Sunderland, Mass. She d. 1753, æ. 57. He m. 2d, 1754, Mary, wid. of Jonathan Billing, and d. 1779, æ. 83. She had, 1. Samuel, b. 1720; 2. John, b. 1723, d. 1748, æ. 25; 3. Daniel, b. 1725; 4. Giles, b. 1727, d. 1732; 5. Richard, b. 1729; 6. Caleb, b. 1731; 7. Giles, b. 1733, d. 1734; 8. Elizabeth, b. 1735, d. 1743; 9. Nathaniel, b. 1739, killed at Lake George, 1757, æ. 18; 10. Ebenezer, b. 1741, d. 1743.
10. *William*, b. Aug. 15, 1698; m. 1st, Mrs. Mary Taylor; 2d, M. Warner. (19)
11. *Ebenezer*, b. April 9, 1701; m. Ruth Atherton. . . . . (20)

16. JOHN WHITE, son of Dea. Nathaniel, (8) was born in Hadley, Nov. 28, 1682, and resided there. The date of his death is not ascertained, but it was probably before 1766. His estate was settled in 1768.

He married, 1st, Jan. 5, 1715, MARTHA CHURCH of Hadley, born Sept. 23, 1694, dau. of Samuel Church, jun., and Abigail Harrison. The date of her death is not known.

He married, 2d, Feb. 27, 1722, ABIGAIL ATHERTON, who probably died May 10, 1766.

## CHILDREN;—BY THE FIRST AND SECOND MARRIAGES.

1. *Martha*, b. March 18, 1716; m. Nov. 14, 1734, Henry Bartlett. She was a widow in 1768.
2. *Abigail*, b. . . . . ; m. Feb. 16, [Jan. 19?] 1749, John Brooks of Hatfield. She was living in 1768, a widow.
3. *Ruth*, b. . . . . ; m. 1st, Nov. 1, 1748, Daniel Rood; m. 2d, 1764, Jacob Taylor of S. Had.
4. *Oliver*, b. . . . . ; m. 1st, Eliz. Charter; 2d, Abigail Selden. (44)
5. *John*, b. . . . . ; m. Mary Emmons. . . . . (45)

No other children are named in the settlement of their father's estate.

44. OLIVER WHITE, son of John, (16) was born in Hadley, and lived there, south of Ralph's Lane. He died June 28, 1789, æ. probably about 65.

He married, 1st, Feb. 17, 1752, ELIZABETH CHARTER, who died June 29, 1752.

He married, 2d, 1755, (pub. Jan. 18,) ABIGAIL SELDEN, who survived him.

CHILD;—BY THE FIRST MARRIAGE.

1. A son, b. June 6, 1752; d. Aug. 15, 1752.

CHILDREN;—BY THE SECOND MARRIAGE.

2. Oliver, b. Dec. 19, 1755; m. ———— (100)  
 3. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 29, 1757; m. Phineas Clark of Easthampton, Mass., who d. Feb. 15, 1817, æ. 57. She d. March 25, 1847, æ. 89. She had, 1. Submit, b. Oct. 7, 1781, m. Jonathan Parsons; 2. Elihu, b. July 6, 1783, was living in Lee, Mass., 1855; 3. Sylvester, b. Feb. 9, 1785, d. in the State of N. Y.; 4. Salome, b. Sept. 17, 1786, m. Rufus Smith, of S. Hadley and Worthington; 5. Lucinda, b. June 10, 1788, m. Justin Cook, jun.; 6. Silence, b. March 10, 1790, m. Dea. Asa Marble; 7. Paulina, b. Jan. 5, 1792; 8. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1793, m. Dea. Elisha King; 9. Erastus, b. July 19, 1795;

DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL WHITE.

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10. Lydia, b. Feb., 1797, m. Medad King, jun.; 11. Amanda, b. July 19, 1799, m. Morris Parsons; 12. Persis, b. April 1, 1802, d. June 26, 1803.  
 4. Moses, b. Dec. 3, 1759; m. Chloe Peck. (101)  
 5. Jerusha, b. March 5, 1762; m. Aug., 1781, Seth Kellogg.  
 6. Eunice, b. March 18, 1764; m. March 2, 1784, George Wells. They rem. to N. Y., or Vt., about 1800.  
 7. Elihu, b. March 8, 1766; d. March 27, 1766.  
 8. Esther, b. April 2, 1768; m. Jan. 1, 1789, William Ingram, who rem. to N. Y. The following chil. were bap. in Hadley; 1. Oliver, and 2. Experience, bap. Sept. 30, 1792; 3. Quartus, bap. Nov. 24, 1793; 4. Charles, bap. Jan. 29, 1797.  
 9. Abigail, b. Sept. 24, 1770; m. Feb. 11, 1789, Green Wells of Mapletown, and rem. to Vt., or N. Y.

# Veteran's Day

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 11, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CIVIL WAR, MILITARY, MILITIA, NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART, WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II

Today is veteran's day. In honor of all who have served, today's post is going to highlight some of my previous posts about veterans.

Last year, my Veteran's Day post, [Veterans in My Tree](#), documented those individuals in my genealogy file with a military service fact.

This year, I'm going to create a list of military related posts, both for my personal family research and for Nemaha county, Kansas.

## Heartland Genealogy Files

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- Sharing WWI Letters – Paul Mentzer
- Measles – George Mentzer – civil war
- Grand Army Members
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- Cleo Byron Peake – Lost at Sea
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- Home on Leave – Cleo Smalling
- Patriots – Revolutionary War Ancestors
- Revolutionary Ancestors
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- Family Legends – Jason Hammond
- True or False – Jason Hammond
- Capt. Love's Company of Militia – James Crawford
- 59th Regiment of Colored Troops – Major James C. Foster
- Otterville – Isaac Evans
- Died in Hospital – John Reed
- Pension Denied – Mary Reed
- Marriage Affidavit – John Reed Civil War File
- Hammond Civil War Service – Richmond Fisk Hammond
- Civil War Report
- Civil War Veterans
- Civil War Deaths
- Iowa First Cav – Noah Briles
- Muster Roll – Albert Hutchinson
- GAR Encampment – Marion Crawford (Washington Marion Crawford)
- Andersonville – Richmond Hammond
- Certificate of Disability – Washington Marion Crawford
- Miller Affidavit – Washington Marion Crawford
- Prisoner – Washington Marion Crawford
- Crawford Discharge – Washington M. Crawford
- Washington Crawford Affidavit – Washington Marion Crawford
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- Saturday Night Genealogy Fun – Pension record of Albert Hutchinson
- Mail Bag – Civil War Military and Pension files

- Memorial Day
- Shooting Star – Wayne Bond
- Military Dates – Wayne Bond
- Civilian Pilot Training Program – Joseph Alva Ogle
- Baseball Bat Boys – Joseph Alva Ogle
- Army Nurse Corps – Esther Crawford Noll
- Recruits – Leon Crawford, Marion Crawford, Russell Horton, Homer Sharp
- Civil War Deaths
- V – Veteran – Genealogy Photo A Day – Esther Crawford Noll
- Brothers Served in France during World War I – Leon Rusel Crawofrd – Marion Crawford
- Proud to Serve – Eugene Crawford
- WWI Group Pictures – Leon Crawford
- Patriots (and Tories)
- Military Record Found – Eugene Crawford
- Veteran's History Project – John H. Garner
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- My Dad – Seaman 1st Class

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- Francis Kokenge – WWII Death Non-battle
- Paul Boeding – WWII Death Non-Battle
- Adrian Rettele – WWII Death Non-Battle
- William Earl Guilford – Purple Heart
- Merchant Marines – George Guilford – Mariner's Medal
- WWII Death – Dorothy L. Swart Tatum – Non-Battle
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- Arrives HOme on Queen Mary – Dorothy Tatum
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- Newspapers for Military News
- Thank God We Don't Need Your Kid
- Saturday Tidbits – Ralph Anderson
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- 1939 ROTC
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- Honoring Those Who Served
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- Purple Heart – Ernest Swart
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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 12, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, CRAWFORD, SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Do you have a photograph of yourself with one or more of your grandparents? How about your great-grandparents? Show us what you have, and tell us your grandparents names.**

One of my favorite pictures was taken at Christmas time when I was a year and a half old. We were in Dodge City for Christmas and my mother went into early labor, delivering twins on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, one of the twins did not survive. Even though I don't remember the eventsof that Christmas, I have some wonderful pictures.



Me with my grandmother, Winnie Crawford and  
my great grandmother, Josie Hammond Crawford  
(Dec. 1953)

On my mom's side of the tree, I don't have any pictures with great grandparents. Since my grandfather died when I was 4, I'm lucky that I have a photo with him.



Pauline Briles holding Marcia  
Crawford with Edward Osmond  
Briles standing to side

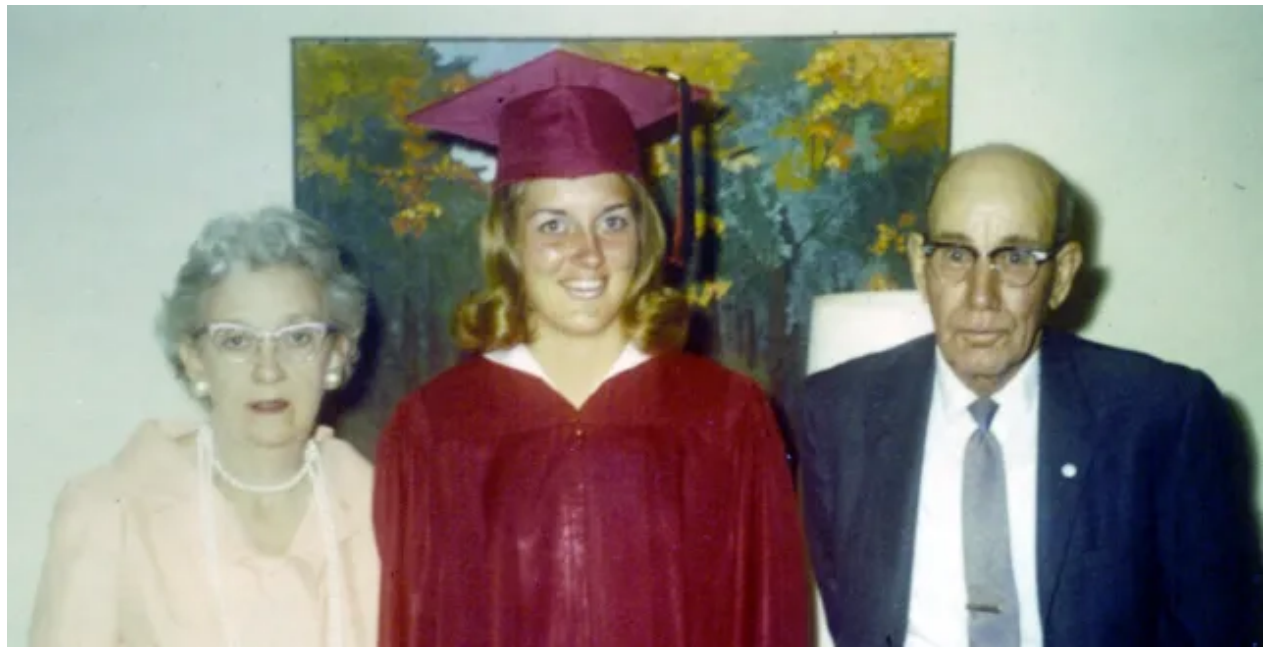
While not the best quality picture, another favorite is of me sitting on my grandfather Crawford's lap.



Jumping to high school graduation, I have photos of me with grandma Briles and then with grandma and grandpa Crawford.







From my wedding, I have a photo with parents and grandparents. Grandma Briles is center front with grandma and grandpa Crawford to the left.





# AI

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 13, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED

/ TAGS: 316

Whether we realize it or not, we have likely used AI technology, even in our genealogy research. Now, thanks to ChatGPT 3.5 and the experimentation of other genealogists, one can turn a timeline into a biography.

Randy Seaver used a RootsMagic report to demonstrate this in his post, [Writing an AI Narrative Report in ChatGPT for David Auble \(1817-1894\)](#). He based his attempt on Brenda Leyndyke's post **Writing a Family History Story Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) (posted 6 November 2023 on her Journey to the Past blog)**.

Since I often use the narrative reports from RootsMagic, I had to see how this worked in order to compare the AI report with the RootsMagic report.

Like Randy, I used the 'timeline' report to generate my 'list of facts'. I did turn the endnotes off for this attempt. I then copied the directions Randy used substituting the family information for Washington Marion Crawford.



*Write a biography of Washington Marion Crawford (1838-1889), son of Nelson G. Crawford (1808-1`864) and Martha Smith (1815-1871), husband of Mary Foster (1842-1929) and father of Ida Kate Crawford (1862-1934), Judson Foster Crawford (1866-1949), Carrie A. Crawford (1870-1886), Lida A. Crawford (1871-1945) and Nelson G. Crawford (1881-1957) with the following facts:*

<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
0	21 Apr 1838	<i>Birth: Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
12	1 Jul 1850	<i>Residence: Marion Crawford was listed on the 1850 census in the household of Nelson Crawford. Marion was listed as a 12 year old male born in Indiana.; Washington Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
21	1859	<i>Land-Purch: land being the W1/2NW1/4 S24T22NR10W containing 80 acres from Nelson G. Crawford and Martha his wife for \$1000; Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
21	4 Mar 1860	<i>Marriage: Mary Foster-191; West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
22	1860	<i>Residence: In 1860, Washington Marion Crawford was listed on the census as a 22 year old head of household living in Jordan Township, Warren County, Indiana. Also listed in the household was his 17 year old wife, Mary.; Jordan Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
23	3 Aug 1861	<i>Military: began military service as a Sergt in Co. H 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Volunteers</i>
23	27 Aug 1861	<i>Military: The 2nd New York Cavalry was better known as the "Harris Light Horse"</i>
25	30 Jun 1863	<i>Military: last paid for military service</i>
25	22 Sep 1863	<i>Military: was captured; Liberty Mills, Orange, Virginia, United States</i>

<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
25	<i>Bet Sep 1863 and Mar 1864</i>	<i>Military: was imprisoned; Belle Isle, Lancaster County, Virginia</i>
25	<i>Bet Mar 1864 and Nov 1864</i>	<i>Military: was imprisoned; Andersonville Prison, Macon County, Georgia</i>
25	<i>Bet 1863 and 1864</i>	<i>Religion: converted by Boston Corbett and John McElroy while imprisoned</i>
26	<i>Nov 1864</i>	<i>Military: imprisoned ; Charlesteon, South Carolina</i>
26	<i>7 Dec 1864</i>	<i>Military: paroled; Florence, Florence, South Carolina, United States</i>
26	<i>8 Dec 1864</i>	<i>Residence: was furloughed home for sixty days to live; Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
26	<i>8 Apr 1865</i>	<i>Military: was mustered out as a Sergeant; New York, New York, United States</i>
27	<i>22 Jun 1865</i>	<i>Will: was named in the will of his father, Nelson Crawford,; Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
27	<i>Aft 1865</i>	<i>Member: life member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of war; Illinois,</i>

<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
		<i>United States</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>1866</i>	<i>Residence: According to his request for a pension; Jordan Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>1867</i>	<i>Residence: According to his request for a military pension ; Washington Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>Jan 1868</i>	<i>Religion: joined the M.E. Church; West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>18 Jan 1868</i>	<i>Land-Sold: being the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 Township 22 North Range 10 West for \$2400 to James H Crawford; Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>31</i>	<i>24 Jul 1869</i>	<i>Pension: for his military service during the civil war</i>
<i>31</i>	<i>25 Feb 1870</i>	<i>Military: was granted a 'Certificate to Disability of Soldier'; Chambersburg</i>
<i>33</i>	<i>Bet 1871 and 1873</i>	<i>Residence: Pike Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>35</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>Residence: According to his application for a military pension; Washington Township, Warren, Indiana, United States</i>
<i>42</i>	<i>1 Jul 1880</i>	<i>Residence: Marion Crawford was listed as the head of household on the 1880 U.S. Census. According to the census, Marion was a 42 year old farmer who was born in Indiana. Also in the household with him</i>

<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
		<i>were his wife, Mary; son, Judson; and daughters, Ida, Carrie and Lida.; Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States</i>
<i>42</i>	<i>Oct 1880</i>	<i>Member: of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War; Illinois City, Rock Island County, Illinois</i>
<i>45</i>	<i>21 Nov 1883</i>	<i>Affidvit: James Miller submitted an affidavit regarding confinement in Andersonville and resulting disability for him; Macon, Macon, Missouri, United States</i>
<i>46</i>	<i>12 Jun 1884</i>	<i>Residence: His brother, James H. Crawford, expected him; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
<i>46</i>	<i>Sep 1884</i>	<i>Occupation: Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
<i>46</i>	<i>31 Mar 1885</i>	<i>Land-Purch: paid \$2 at Garden City, Kansas land office toward SE 1/4 S31 T28S R26W containing 160 acres; Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
<i>47</i>	<i>6 May 1885</i>	<i>Member: Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
<i>47</i>	<i>30 Jul 1885</i>	<i>Occupation: commenced building the foundation of a boarding house, north of his present location on 2d Avenue; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
<i>47</i>	<i>8 Apr 1886</i>	<i>Charity: \$1 to Home of the Friendless in Leavenworth; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>

<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
48	23 Jul 1886	<i>Land-Purch: lot no. 37 in Prairie Grove Cemetery; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
49	Dec 1887	<i>Member: was an officer of the Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
50	1888	<i>Member: on the membership roles of the Lewis Post G.A.R.; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
50	12 Sep 1888	<i>Land-Purch: lots 6, 7 block 47 from W. J. Fitzgerald; Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
51	1889	<i>Residence: Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
51	31 Jul 1889	<i>Occupation: selected to look after the soldier's home; Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
51	12 Aug 1889	<i>Land-Purch: made his final payment for SE 1/4 S31 T28S R26W or 6th PM containing 160 acres; Garden City, Finney, Kansas, United States</i>
51	23 Aug 1889	<i>Death: Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
51	27 Aug 1889	<i>Burial: Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States</i>
51	1889	<i>Pension:</i>
52	27 May 1890	<i>Land-Purch: Land title was transferred from the United States to Washington M. Crawford for the SE 1/4 of 31-28-26</i>
52	27 May 1890	<i>Land Entry: Homestead Certificate No. 1180 Application 4505 for the SE 1/4 of Sect 31 Twp 28S</i>

Age	Date	Event
		<i>R26W containing 160 acres was filed; Garden City, Finney, Kansas, United States</i>

**ROOTSMAGIC 9 TIMELINE REPORT**

After copying the directions and facts list into ChatGPT, it quickly generated a report.

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*Washington Marion Crawford was born on April 21, 1838, in Warren, Indiana, United States, to Nelson G. Crawford and Martha Smith. At the age of 12, in the year 1850, he was listed in the household of his father on the census in Washington Township, Warren County, Indiana.*

*In 1859, at the age of 21, Washington Marion Crawford purchased land, acquiring the W1/2NW1/4 S24T22NR10W containing 80 acres from his father and mother for \$1000 in Warren, Indiana. The following year, on March 4, 1860, he married Mary Foster in West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana.*

*By the age of 22, in 1860, Washington Marion Crawford was the head of his own household, living in Jordan Township, Warren County, Indiana, with his 17-year-old wife, Mary. Around this time, he also began his military service as a Sergeant in Co. H 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Volunteers, famously known as the “Harris Light Horse.”*

*His military journey included being captured on September 22, 1863, at Liberty Mills, Virginia, and subsequent imprisonments at Belle Isle, Andersonville Prison in Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina. During his imprisonment between 1863 and 1864, he converted to religion under the influence of Boston Corbett and John McElroy.*

*In November 1864, Washington Marion Crawford was once again imprisoned, this time in Charleston, South Carolina. He was later paroled on December 7, 1864, in Florence, South Carolina, and furloughed home for sixty days to live in Warren, Indiana. He was mustered out as a Sergeant on April 8, 1865, in New York City.*

*After the Civil War, in June 1865, he was named in the will of his father, Nelson Crawford, and became a life member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War.*

*In 1866, he resided in Jordan Township, Warren, Indiana, and in 1867, he lived in Washington Township, Warren, Indiana. Washington Marion Crawford joined the M.E. Church in January 1868 in West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana.*

*On January 18, 1868, he sold land, being the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 Township 22 North Range 10 West, for \$2400 to James H Crawford.*

*In 1869, he began receiving a pension for his military service during the Civil War and was granted a 'Certificate to Disability of Soldier' on February 25, 1870, in Chambersburg. Between 1871 and 1873, he resided in Pike Township, Warren County, Indiana.*

*By 1880, at the age of 42, Washington Marion Crawford was listed as the head of the household in the 1880 U.S. Census in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, with his wife Mary, son Judson, and daughters Ida, Carrie, and Lida.*

*In October 1880, he became a member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War in Illinois City, Rock Island County, Illinois. On November 21, 1883, an affidavit was submitted regarding his confinement in Andersonville and resulting disability by James Miller in Macon, Missouri.*



*In 1884, he was expected by his brother, James H. Crawford, in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas. In September 1884, his occupation was recorded in Dodge City. He continued to be active in land transactions, purchasing land in Garden City, Kansas, in March 1885.*

*Washington Marion Crawford was a member of Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Dodge City by May 6, 1885. In July 1885, he began building the foundation of a boarding house north of his present location on 2nd Avenue in Dodge City. His charitable activities included a \$1 donation to the Home of the Friendless in Leavenworth on April 8, 1886.*

*On July 23, 1886, he purchased a lot in Prairie Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. In December 1887, he held an officer position in the Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Dodge City and remained on the membership roles in 1888.*

*On September 12, 1888, he made a land purchase of lots 6 and 7 in block 47 from W. J. Fitzgerald in Dodge City. In 1889, he was still a resident of Dodge City and was selected to look after the soldier's home on July 31.*

*Tragically, Washington Marion Crawford passed away on August 23, 1889, in Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, at the age of 51. He was laid to rest in Dodge City on August 27, 1889. Following his death, a pension continued to be granted.*

*On May 27, 1890, land title for the SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 28S, Range 26W was transferred from the United States to Washington M. Crawford. Additionally, on the same date, a Homestead Certificate No. 1180 Application 4505 for the SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 28S, Range 26W, containing 160 acres, was filed in Garden City, Finney, Kansas, United States.*

## CHAT GPT REPORT

This a quick and easy way to generate the narrative. I like the way the ChatGPT produced narrative flows compared to the narrative report produced by RootsMagic. (NOTE: I have my settings configured to put each fact in a separate paragraph.) Unfortunately, ChatGPT does not handle the endnotes. Thus, if I want a footnoted report, I would either have to go back and insert them manually or continue to rely on the RootsMagic report (shown below).

” **Washington Marion Crawford<sup>1</sup>** was born on 21 Apr 1838 in Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>2-7</sup>

*He was the son of Nelson Garret Crawford and Martha Smith.<sup>8-9</sup>*

*Marion Crawford was listed on the 1850 census in the household of Nelson Crawford. Marion was listed as a 12 year old male born in Indiana.<sup>10</sup>*

*In 1859, he bought the land being the W1/2NW1/4 S24T22NR10W containing 80 acres from Nelson G. Crawford and Martha his wife for \$1000 in Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>11-12</sup>*

*He married Mary Foster on 4 Mar 1860 in West Lebanon, Indiana.<sup>4,7,13-20</sup>*

*In 1860, Washington Marion Crawford was listed on the census as a 22 year old head of household living in Jordan Township, Warren County, Indiana. Also listed in the household was his 17 year old wife, Mary.<sup>21</sup>*

*Washington began military service as a Sergt in Co. H 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Volunteers on 3 Aug 1861.<sup>22-25</sup>*

*The 2nd New York Cavalry was better known as the “Harris Light*

*Horse".<sup>14,26-27</sup>*

*On on 18 Dec 1862, Ida Kate Crawford was born in Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>18</sup>*

*He was last paid for military service on 30 Jun 1863 .<sup>28</sup>*

*On 22 Sep 1863, he was captured in Liberty Mills, Orange, Virginia, United States.<sup>23-24,29-30</sup>*

*Washington was imprisoned between Sep 1863 and Mar 1864 in Belle Isle, Lancaster County, Virginia.<sup>23,30-31</sup>*

*He was imprisoned between Mar 1864 and Nov 1864 in Andersonville Prison, Macon County, Georgia.<sup>23,30-32</sup>*

*He was converted by Boston Corbett and John McElroy while imprisoned.<sup>31</sup>*

*In Nov 1864, Washington was imprisoned in Charlesteen, South Carolina.<sup>23,30</sup>*

*He was paroled on 7 Dec 1864 in Florence, Florence, South Carolina, United States.<sup>14,23,31,33</sup>*

*On 8 Dec 1864, he was furloughed home for sixty days to live in Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>30,34</sup>*

*On 8 Apr 1865, Washington was mustered out as a Sergeant in New York, New York, United States.<sup>24,35-36</sup>*

*On 22 Jun 1865, he was named in the will of his father, Nelson Crawford, in Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>9</sup>*

*He was a life member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of war.<sup>37</sup>*

*According to his request for a pension, Washington lived in Jordan Township, Warren, Indiana, United States in 1866.<sup>23</sup>*

*He became the parent of Judson Foster Crawford born on 15 Apr 1866.<sup>18</sup>*

*According to his request for a military pension, he still lived in Washington Township, Warren, Indiana, United States in 1867.<sup>23</sup>*

*Washington joined the M.E. Church in West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States.<sup>31</sup>*

*He sold land being the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 Township 22 North Range 10 West for \$2400 to James H Crawford on 18 Jan 1868 in Warren County, Indiana.<sup>38</sup>*

*On 24 Jul 1869, he was granted a pension for his military service during the civil war .<sup>39</sup>*

*On 10 Feb 1870, a child named Carrie A Crawford was born in Warren County, Indiana.*

*Washington was granted a 'Certificate to Disability of Soldier' on 25 Feb 1870 in Chambersburg.<sup>40</sup>*

*He lived in Pike Township, Warren County, Indiana between 1871 and 1873.<sup>23,41</sup>*

*On 22 Dec 1871, a child named Lida A Crawford was born in Warren County, Indiana.<sup>18</sup>*

*According to his application for a military pension, he lived in*

*Washington Township, Warren, Indiana, United States in 1873.*<sup>23</sup>

*Washington was a member of the Fleming Post #316 in Indiana.*<sup>42</sup>

*Marion Crawford was listed as the head of household on the 1880 U.S. Census. According to the census, Marion was a 42 year old farmer who was born in Indiana. Also in the household with him were his wife, Mary; son, Judson; and daughters, Ida, Carrie and Lida.*<sup>43</sup>

*In Oct 1880, he was a member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War in Illinois City, Rock Island County, Illinois.*<sup>44</sup>

*On 29 Oct 1881, Nelson Garfield Crawford was born in in Warren, Indiana, United States.*<sup>18</sup>

*On 21 Nov 1883, in Macon, Macon, Missouri, United States James Miller submitted an affidavit regarding confinement in Andersonville and resulting disability for him.*<sup>45</sup>

*His brother, James H. Crawford, expected him to move to Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.*<sup>46-49</sup>

*In Sep 1884 he was in Dodge City.*<sup>50</sup>

*Washington paid \$2 at Garden City, Kansas land office toward SE 1/4 S31 T28S R26W containing 160 acres on 31 Mar 1885 in Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States.*<sup>51-52</sup>

*He was accepted as a member of Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic on 6 May 1885 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.*<sup>31,53-</sup>

<sup>55</sup>

*On 30 Jul 1885, he commenced building the foundation of a boarding house, north of his present location on 2d Avenue in Dodge City, Ford,*

*Kansas, United States.<sup>56-57</sup>*

*Washington donated \$1 to Home of the Friendless in Leavenworth on 8 Apr 1886.<sup>58</sup>*

*He witnessed the death of Carrie A Crawford on 20 Jul 1886 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.<sup>59-65</sup>*

*He purchased lot no. 37 in Prairie Grove Cemetery on 23 Jul 1886 in Dodge City.<sup>66</sup>*

*Washington was an officer of the Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Dec 1887 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.<sup>42</sup>*

*In 1888, he was on the membership roles of the Lewis Post G.A.R. in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.<sup>67</sup>*

*On 12 Sep 1888, he purchased lots 6, 7 block 47 from W. J. Fitzgerald in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.<sup>68</sup>*

*Washington lived in Dodge City in 1889.<sup>69</sup>*

*On 31 Jul 1889 he was selected to look after the soldier's home in Fort Dodge, Ford County, Kansas.<sup>70-75</sup>*

*He made his final payment for SE 1/4 S31 T28S R26W or 6th PM containing 160 acres on 12 Aug 1889 in Garden City, Finney, Kansas, United States.<sup>76</sup>*

*Washington died on 23 Aug 1889 in Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States at the age of 51 .<sup>3-4,6-7,18,77-86</sup>*

*He was buried on 27 Aug 1889 at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City.<sup>6-7,81,83,87-88</sup>*

*He received pension in 1889.<sup>89</sup>*

*Homestead Certificate No. 1180 Application 4505 for the SE 1/4 of Sect 31 Twp 28S R26W containing 160 acres was filed on 27 May 1890 in Garden City, Finney, Kansas, United States.<sup>90-91</sup>*

*Land title was transferred from the United States to Washington M. Crawford for the SE 1/4 of 31-28-26 on 27 May 1890.<sup>92</sup>*

*In Dec 2022, the assigned yDNA haplogroup was R-FT99108 in the R1b-01A Admillan group.*

#### **ROOTSMAGIC NARRATIVE REPORT**

If one is willing to substitute a bibliography for actual endnotes/footnotes, then the bibliography can be printed with the timeline and added at the end of the AI generated report.

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Curious as to how ChatGPT would handle multiple marriages, I asked it to create a bio for my 4th great grandfather, John Burke. I don't have a lot of information about John Burke beyond the identity of his two wives and his sixteen children. Below is what I submitted for John Burke.



*Write a biography of John Burke (1783-1842), son of Doctor William Samuel Burke (?-1832) and Elizabeth Nevers (1767-1842), husband of Ann Elizabeth Graves (1786-1831) and father of Henry Burke (1811-1845), Mary Ann Burke (1813-1872), Permilia Burke (1815-1846), John Graves Burke (1818-1904), William Carrol Burke (1819-?), James W. Burke (122-18786), Esom Logan Burke (1822-1877), Paradisia Burke (1824-1884) Franics Marion Burke (1826-1912), Franklin Parrott Burke (1828-1923), and Elizabeth Nancy Burke (1835-?) by his first wife Elizabeth Graves (1786-1831). He was the father of Jonas T Burke (1837-1866), Elvira Leonidas Burke (1838-1873) America Ornealo Burke (1840-1884), Matilda Burke (1841-?) and Meta Jane Burke (1841-?) by his second wife Jane Basham.*



<i>Age</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>Abt 1783</i>	<i>Birth: Virginia</i>
<i>31</i>	<i>3 Nov 1814</i>	<i>Military: Tennessee Militia</i>
<i>32</i>	<i>13 May 1815</i>	<i>Military:</i>
<i>34</i>	<i>23 Sep 1817</i>	<i>Land Entry: for 17 acres of land that was surveyed; Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>37</i>	<i>1820</i>	<i>Residence: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>43</i>	<i>13 Sep 1826</i>	<i>Land-Purch: land being 50 acres on Cub creek; Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>47</i>	<i>1830</i>	<i>Residence: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>52</i>	<i>23 Sep 1835</i>	<i>Marriage: Jane D Basham-10239; Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>53</i>	<i>1836</i>	<i>Residence: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>57</i>	<i>1840</i>	<i>Residence: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>59</i>	<i>1842</i>	<i>Death: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>75</i>	<i>Feb 1858</i>	<i>Probate: Gainesboro, Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>
<i>101</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>Probate: Jackson, Tennessee, United States</i>

#### **TIMELINE REPORT FROM ROOTSMAGIC 9**

While the generated report does not name the children, it does turn my little bit of information into a *glowing* report for John Burke.

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*John Burke (1783-1842) was born around 1783 in Virginia to his parents, Doctor William Samuel Burke and Elizabeth Nevers. He went on to lead a life marked by various significant events and contributions.*

*In 1814, at the age of 31, John Burke enlisted in the Tennessee Militia, showcasing his commitment to service. This period coincided with the tumultuous times of the War of 1812, and his involvement in the militia reflects his dedication to the defense of his community and country.*

*A year later, in 1815, he continued his military service, although the specific details of this engagement are not provided. His service during this time was likely influenced by the ongoing conflicts of the era.*

*In 1817, at the age of 34, John Burke entered 17 acres of land that had been surveyed in Tennessee, further establishing his connection to the land and the community.*

*By 1820, John was residing in Jackson, Tennessee, marking a shift in his life to a more settled existence. Over the years, he continued to engage with the land, purchasing 50 acres on Cub Creek in 1826, demonstrating his commitment to building a home and livelihood in Jackson.*

*John Burke's family expanded over the years. In 1835, at the age of 52, he married Jane D Basham, marking a significant chapter in his personal life. This union brought about a new phase for John and his growing family.*

*Throughout the 1830s and 1840s, John and Jane continued to reside in Jackson, Tennessee, as evidenced by the census records of the time. The*

*census of 1840, in particular, provides insight into the composition of his household during that period.*

*Tragically, in 1842, John Burke passed away in Jackson, Tennessee, leaving behind his wife Jane and their children. His death marked the end of an era, but his legacy lived on through his extensive family.*

*The probate records, both in February 1858 and in 1884, shed light on the legal and financial aspects of John Burke's estate. These records indicate the continued relevance of his contributions and the enduring impact he had on his community.*

*John Burke's life was one of service, commitment to family, and dedication to his land. His legacy was carried forward by his numerous children, who went on to play their own roles in the unfolding history of Jackson, Tennessee.*

#### **CHATGPT GENERATED REPORT**

This should be fun to see how and where these types of reports are used!



# Elgin Strahm

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 14, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART

## Purple Heart Recipient

In October 1940, Elgin Strahm registered for the 'young men's' draft. According to his registration, he was living with his mother in Nemaha county, Kansas and employed by E. L. Seidel in Sabetha.

SERIAL NUMBER <b>325</b>		1. NAME (Print) <b>Elgin Andrew Strahm</b> (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER <b>1302</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>R.F.D. 5 Sabetha Nemaha Kansas</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE <b>None</b>	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>21</b> DATE OF BIRTH <b>Jan. 3, 1919</b> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Nemaha Kansas</b> (Town or county) (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mrs. Edward Benjamin Strahm</b> (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>Mother</b>	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>R.F.D. 5 Sabetha Nemaha Kansas</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>E. L. Seidel</b>				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>Sabetha Nemaha Kansas</b> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		<b>Elgin A. Strahm</b> (Registrant's signature)		

In March 1942, Elgin Strahm was one of 35 men from Nemaha county that was accepted for military duty.



*List of 35 About to Go  
From Two Days' Exam*

*Reports Not Yet Received from Ft. Leavenworth on Two Other Groups*

*The Nemaha county selective service office has received names of 35 men, accepted for military duty from two groups sent to Ft. Leavenworth for examination. These men are now listed "as about to be inducted" into military service.*

*Lists have not yet been received from two other groups sent later.*

*Sixteen passed from the first group; five were rejected; one is conditional. Nineteen passed from the second group, three were rejected.*

*Those who passed*

*Byron Nightingale, Centralia*

*Samuel Robbins, Centralia*

*William Kennedy, Oneida*

*George Geisel, Bern*

*Garth Smith, Seneca*

*Albert Rilinger, Baileyville*

*Lawrence Wessel, Baileyville*

*Wilbern Oenbring, Baileyville*

*Henry Hunninghake, Baileyville*

*Elver Swart, Seneca*

*Lawrence Miller, Sabetha*

*Wilfred Johnson, Seneca*

*Earl Meyer, Sabetha*

*John Niehues, Kelly*

*Elgin Strahm, Sabetha*

*Leo Cornell, Seneca*

*Jacob Streit, Seneca*

*Raymond Battin, Wetmore*

*Benedict Schmidt, Baileyville*

*Howard Bigalow, Baileyville*

*Alfred Hammes, Seneca*

*Carl Staehli, Sabetha*

*Albert Ketter, Goff*

*Andy Lehman, Sabetha*

*Sylvester Nordhus, Seneca*

*Charles Mathews, Seneca*

*Charles Bauer, Centralia*

*Bernard Heideman, Axtell*

*LeRoy Ritchie, Centralia*

*Joy Meyer, Oneida*

*Elmer Lindeen, Seneca*

*Albert Rogers, Seneca*

*Donald Lehmkuhl, Oneida*

*Callistus Kramer, Goff*

*Ross George, Wetmore*

**THE COURIER TRIBUNE, MARCH 2, 1942, PAGE 1**

In April, Nemaha county had a farewell program to send over twenty young men off to war.

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*More Men to the Army  
Over Twenty Today*

*Takes Most of Those Who Had Pre-Induction Examinations*

*Nemaha County sent some 20 more young men to the colors this  
afternoon, with a fitting farewell program on Main street. There are other  
groups to go soon.*

*The war has steadily become more serious. The public is more deeply concerned about it. Fall of Bataan peninsula, held bravely far longer than could have been expected a glorious chapter in American fighting, was none the less a hard blow. The happenings of recent weeks have shattered hopes for a short war.*

*Today's group included:*

*Norman Stauffer, Bern, who returned here from California for induction.*

*Elgin Strahm, Sabetha*

*Raymond Battin, Wetmore*

*Benedict Schmidt, Baileyville*

*Howard Bigalow, Baileyville*

*Alfred Hammes, Seneca*

*Carl Staehli, Sabetha*

*Albert Ketter, Goff*

*Andy Lehman, Sabetha*

*Aloysius Boeding, Corning*

*William Woltkamp, Seneca*

*Charles Mathews, Seneca*

*Charles Bauer, Centralia*

*Bernard Heideman, Axtell*

*LeRoy Ritchie, Centralia*

*Albert Rogers, Seneca*

*Donald Lehmkuhl, Oneida*

*Lawrence Freel, Goff*

*Callistus Kramer, Goff*

**THE COURIER TRIBUNE, APRIL 13, 1942**

By January 1943, Elgin was stationed in the South Pacific.



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*Elgin Strahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strahm, who is somewhere in the South Pacific, has recently been promoted and is now a staff sergeant.*

**SABETHA HERALD, JAN. 20, 1943**

In July 1943, the family was notified of Elgin's death.

”

*S. Sgt. Elgin Strahm Dies Fighting Japs  
Was in Amphibian Boat Service*

*Mr. and Mrs. Ed. B. Strahm received the following message on Tuesday morning. "The Secretary of War desires that I tender his deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your son, Staff Sergeant Elgin A. Strahm. Report just received states that he was killed in action on July 1st in the Southwest Pacific area. Letter follows. Signed Ulio, the Adj. General."*

*This news brings sorrow to the whole community, especially to the family and the friends, who include all who knew Elgin.*

*The Strahm family has been reared in this community Elgin was born January 3, 1919, and was 24 years old at the time of his death.. His entire life was spent in the Sabetha community, until he left for camp, April 13, 1942. He was stationed first at Camp Robinson Ark. Subsequently he spent some time at Camp Edwards, Mass, Camp Carrabelle, Fla and Fort Ord, Calif., obtaining further training. He arrived in Australia March 3rd of this year and in New Guinea May 6, where he saw action. HE advanced rapidly in his work and had attained the highest non-commissioned rank in the Engineering Amphibian Boat service, one of the most effective of army services.*

*Elgin was community spirited at home. He was an active worker in the local and county Young Republican organizations. He served as*

*committeeman for Rock Creek township and never failed to attend county and state meetings.*

*Through his friends, Eugene Pfleider and Wilbur Wurzbacher he became affiliated with the Congregational Sunday school and church. He was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce.*

*Elgin loved life and lived a happy and useful twenty-five years in which he brought happiness to his family and friends. When the time came to serve his country, he entered whole-heartedly into the work assigned to him and advancement came regularly. He would be in the thick of the fighting, all who know him feel assured. He would give his best and we know that when he paid the supreme sacrifice, he was giving his best.*

*Elgin is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed B Strahm, four brothers, Silas of Fairview, Orville of Wichita, Leland in army service, Milan of Sabetha; four sisters, Mrs. Lee Wenger, Mrs. Louis Wenger, Mrs Roy Alderfer of Sabetha and Mrs Harry Wherry of Lawrence. Among the many relatives surviving are eleven cousins, who are in the service of their country.*

*The amphibious engineer services are among the most daring and dangerous in the army, demanding the most exacting type of work at the most delicate moment of any offensive. Elgin Strahm's grade in this work is indication of his ability, courage and leadership.*

*While there is no indication that such is the case it appears probably that Elgin's death came as a result of the recently renewed American action in the New Guinea area. It is some source of satisfaction to know that this offensive is gaining momentum, is an important phase of the general plan of action against Japan, and that the Sabetha boy's life was sacrificed in what is fast becoming a great and successful blow against the forces of oppression.*

*Sabetha has been more fortunate than many communities in the percentage of loss of its fighting men, who are at work on all fronts. Elgin Strahm is the second Sabetha lad to make the supreme sacrifice, although several others from nearby communities well know here have been lost. The death of these boys should live in the memories of home folks, and be an inspiration for greater sacrifice and effort. How little is demanded of the rest of us compared with losses sustained by a few. Their passing may well be justified in bringing the war closer to home and cruelty and selfishness to banishment from the earth, that liberty might live and some day thrive again.*

**THE SABETHA HERALD, JULY 14, 1943**

In November, the family held a memorial service.



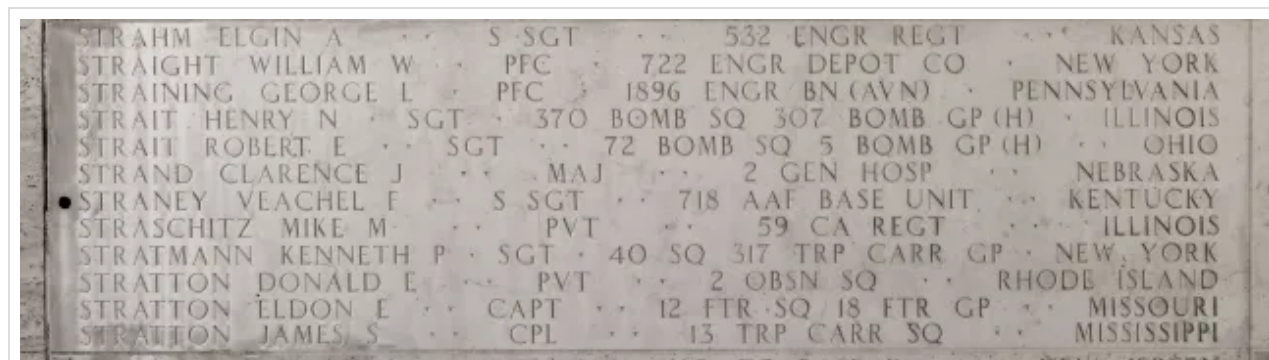
### *Men in the Service*

#### *Memorial Service for Elgin Strahm*

*Memorial Services for Elgin Strahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Strahm, who lost his life in the service of his country, July 1 of this year in the Pacific battle area, were held Sunday afternoon in Sabetha. The Apostolic Christian church was crowded with relatives and friends who wished to pay tribute to one held in deep affection by all who knew him. All available space in the church and about the building was occupied. The American Legion was represented by these men who sat in a body: B W Grimm, Henry Imthurn, Max Mock, Roy Mishler, C L Pautz, Paul Luckert, Elba Stine and C R White A group of Legion Auxiliary members also sat in a body. The Scripture lesson and singing of hymns preceded a very thought-provoking and inspiring address by the Rev. Noah Schrock of Iowa. Rev. Joe Wittmer assisted in the service.*

**THE SABETHA HERALD, NOV. 3, 1943**

According to Find a Grave, Elgin Strahm is listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.



The record for Elgin A. Strahm on the American Battle Monuments Commission website shows that Elgin recieved the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

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World War II

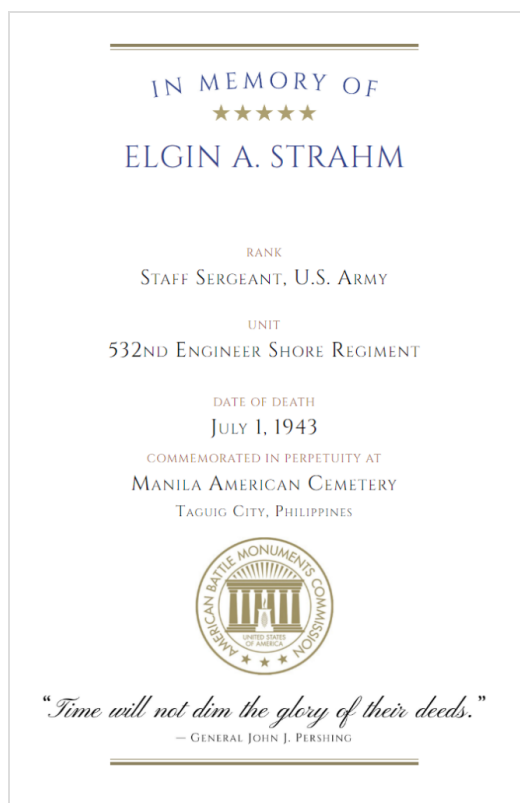
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Unit	<a href="#">532nd Engineer Shore Regiment</a>
Rank	<a href="#">Staff Sergeant</a> U.S. Army
Entered Service From	Kansas
Date of Death	July 1 1943
Status	Missing In Action
Memorialized	<a href="#">Walls of the Missing</a> <a href="#">Manila American Cemetery</a> Manila American Cemetery McKinley Road, Fort Bonifacio 1634 Philippines

[532nd Engineer Shore Regiment](#)

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Elgin A. Strahm's memorial certificate indicates that his date of death was July 1, 1943 while serving as a Staff Sergeant in the 532nd Engineer Shore Regiment of the U.S. Army.



A search for more information about Elgin's service in the South Pacific turns up several articles about the Amphibious Engineers in New Guinea.

- The Amphibious Engineers in World War II
- U.S. Army Center of Military History: New Guinea
- New Guinea (US Army Center of Military History)

# WikiTree Tools

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 15, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: WIKITREE

Are you on WikiTree? Did you participate in the 15th anniversary festivities? I have to admit that while registered, I did not watch the live presentations. Instead, I had my own ‘celebration’ trying to learn more about WikiTree . And, I have to admit that I have a lot to learn!

As part of my ‘celebration’ I watched the GenealogyTV presentation, How to Use WikiTree: Updated 2023.

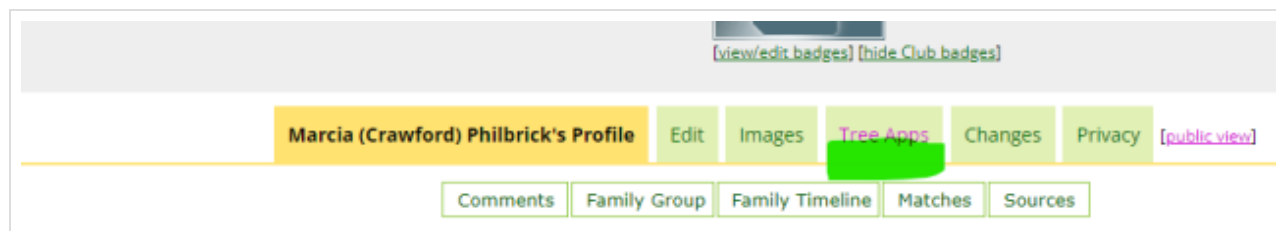


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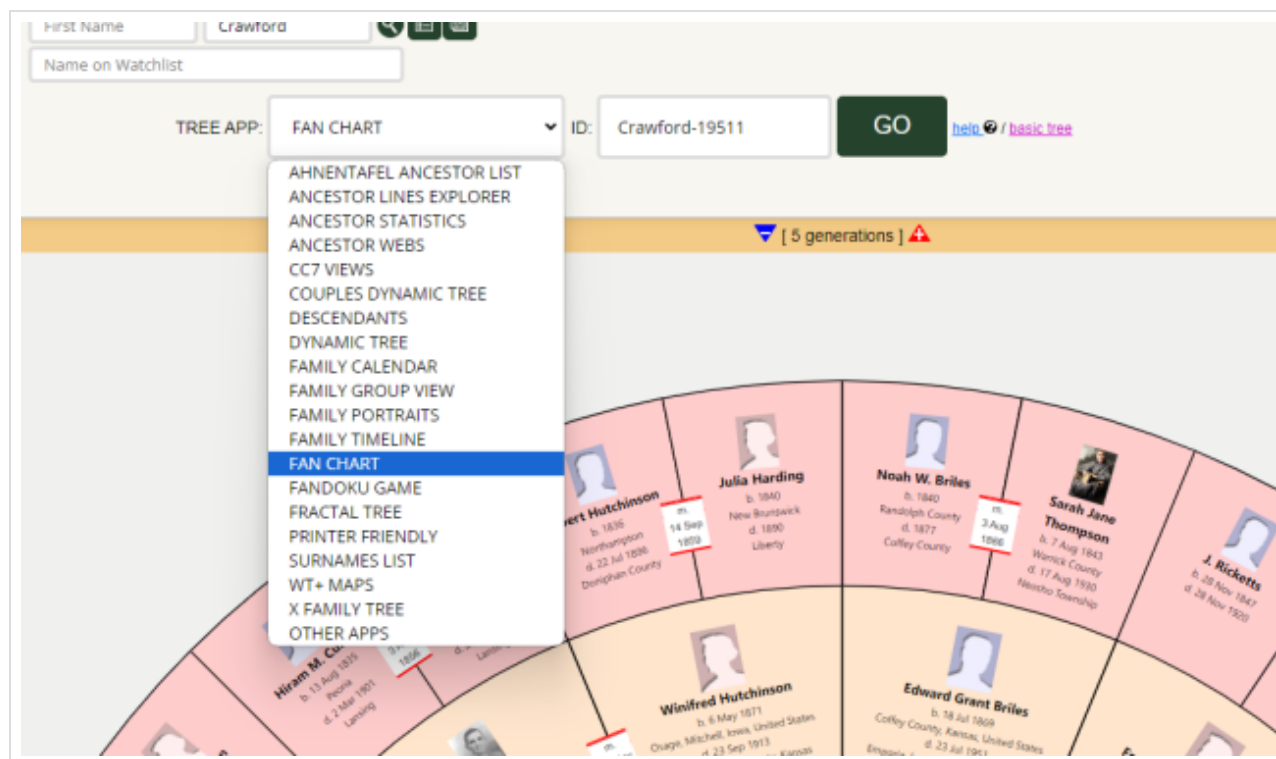


This excellent presentation exposed me to a lot of features on WikiTree that I had never encountered before. Many of these features are found on my profile page under the TREE

## APPS.



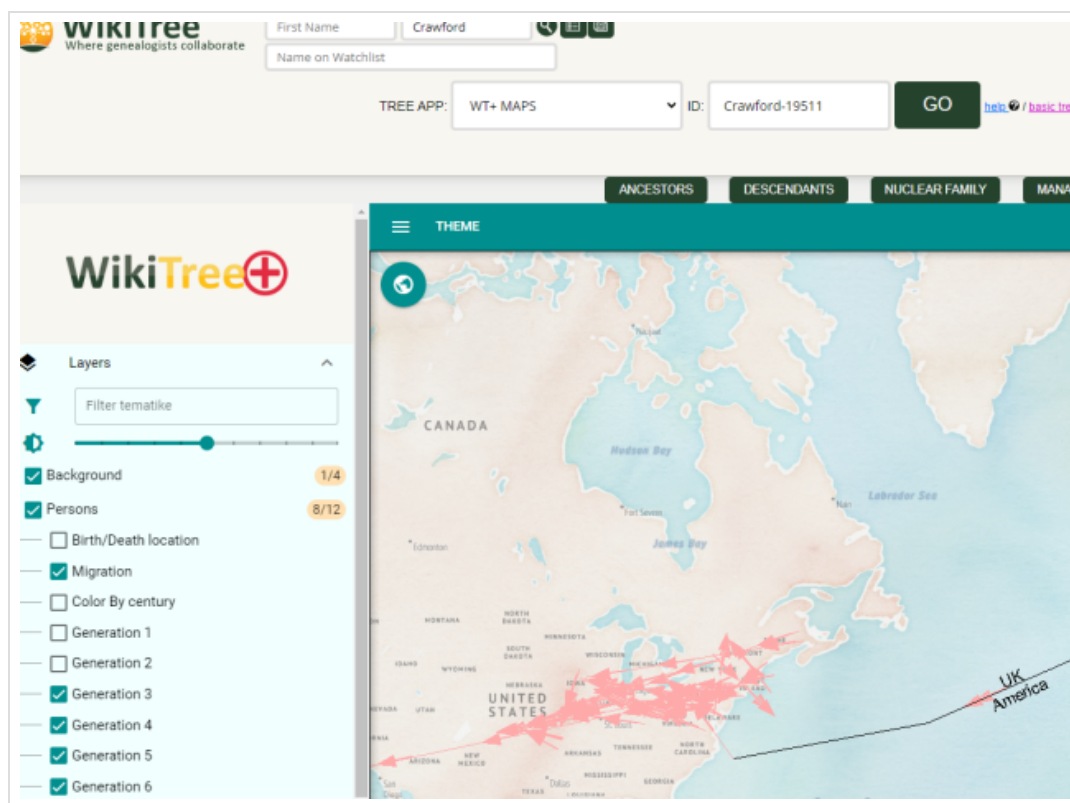
Clicking on the TREE APPS tab opens a screen with a pull down menu of a variety of ways to view one's tree, including a fan chart.



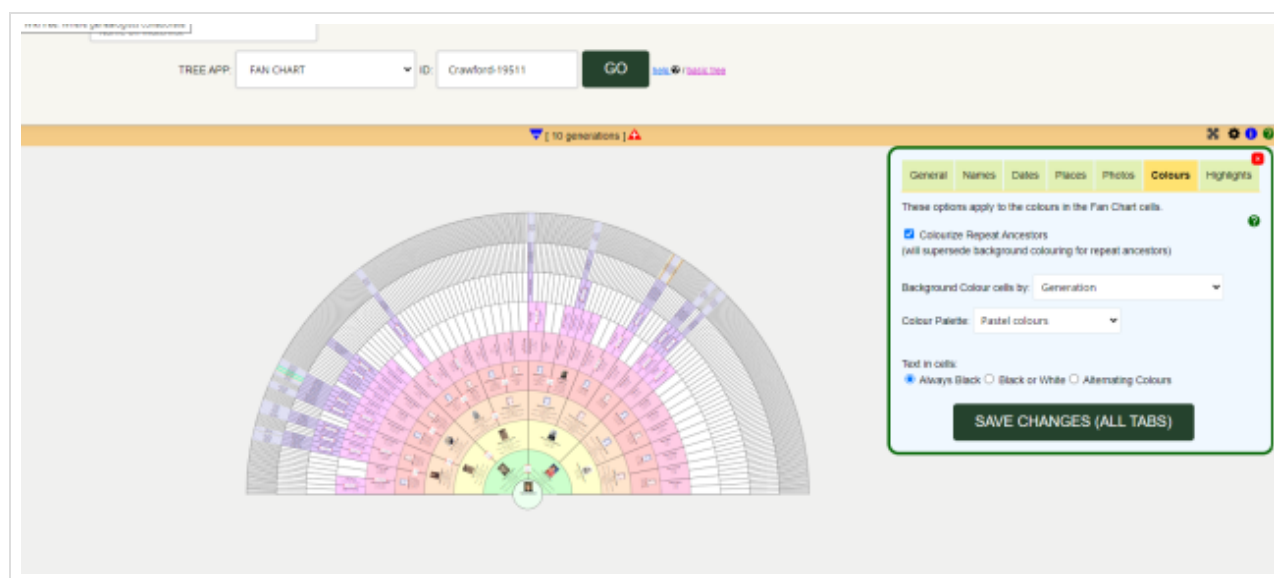
One can easily click thru these various views to discover new things about their tree.

The WT+Maps selection opens a map where you can view migration paths, birth/death locations and other geographical information from ones tree.





While a Fan chart should be familiar to most genealogists, the Fan Chart option on WikiTree includes a tool to ‘colorize repeat ancestors’. My settings for the Fan Chart already had this feature enabled. However, I had to scroll out to the maximum number of generations before any repeats were found.



The last item on the menu, Other Apps, goes to another page with more options.

## Other Apps for Marcia (Crawford) Philbrick

**Tree Apps** integrates a variety of genealogy applications for [Marcia \(Crawford\) Philbrick](#). Here are additional tools.

### [Ancestor Explorer](#)

View or download a list of up to 25 generations of ancestors who meet a wide variety of criteria, map them, and more.

### [Ancestor Statistics](#)

How long is each generation in your family? Who lived the longest?

### [Bio Check](#)

Scan for missing sources and opportunities to improve profiles.

### [Brick Wall Ancestors](#)

See all the current dead-ends in your tree.

### [Dynamic Tree by Topola](#)

Advanced visualization tools plus downloading and printing capabilities.

### [Profile Overview](#)

Dig into the contents of WikiTree profiles in a completely different way.

### [Research with RootsSearch](#)

Automatically search for Marcia on more than 20 different genealogy websites with the [RootsSearch app](#).

### [Tree Widgets](#)

If you're a blogger or have a genealogy website, include one of these [widgets](#) to illustrate tree.

I found the 'Tree Widgets' App fun to play with. And I may try to embed one of them on this blog.

### For this Three-Generation Color Tree Widget ...



While not 'fun' to play with, the Bio Check app helps find errors in a profile.

WikiTree Creating the World's Family Tree  
Setting Genealogy Free

Bio Check Version 1.7.1

You are currently logged in as Crawford-19511

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While writing this post, I was also listening to the video, Welcome to WikiTree Series: An Introduction to WikiTree. During that video, the ability to display surnames in a 'Christmas Tree' like format caught my attention. To access this view, I pulled down the 'My WikiTree menu', clicked on Surnames and then clicked on the 'click here' link which followed the sentence: 'for a shareable quick reference sheet to your first 64 surnames.'

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I have had fun exploring these features of WikiTree and have even added a copule of 3rd great grandparent profiles to my portion of the tree.

# Green Wells / Abigail White

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 16, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEW YORK, WELLS

/ TAGS: 40998880, 513931

Are there areas of your tree where your research isn't as thorough as other areas? As I'm going thru my 3rd great grandparents, I'm finding that some are 'poorly' researched. Green Wells and his wife, Abigail White Wells would be an example of my less than stellar research.

## Green Wells

**Green Wells** was born on 24 Sep 1761.

After 1788, he was early settler of Northampton, Fulton County, New York.

He appeared in the census in Jul 1800 in Northampton, Montgomery County, New York with 3 males under 10 and 1 male aged 10 to 15.

Green lived in Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York on 13 Jan 1806.

He purchased on 13 Jan 1806 in Fulton, New York, United States.

He lived in Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York in 1810.

Green lived in Sullivan, Madison County, New York in 1820.

He lived in Sullivan, Madison County, New York in 1830.

He died on 13 Dec 1845 at the age of 84 in Barre, Orleans County, New York.

Green was buried after 13 Dec 1845 at Millville Cemetery in Millville, Orleans, New York, United States.

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## **Abigail White**

**Abigail White** was born on 24 Sep 1770 in Hadley, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States.

She lived an 81 year old male born New York and was listed as Abby Wells in Barre, Orleans County, New York on 27 Aug 1850.

She died on 30 Jul 1852 at the age of 81 in Barre, Orleans County, New York.

Abigail was buried after 30 Jul 1852 at Millville Cemetery in Millville, Orleans, New York, United States.

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# Friday Find

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 17, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD, DODGE CITY

Do you have profiles on WikiTree? In preparation for the WikiTree anniversary, I started looking at my connections and realized that some of my ancestors were missing many of their children. In the process of adding some of these children, I came across an obituary for my great-grandfather's brother, Nelson G. Crawford.



*Nelson G. Crawford*

***Dies after Years  
Of Failing Health***

*Nelson Garfield Crawford, 75, former postmaster and long-time post office employe, died late this morning in Trinity Hospital where he had been a patient since last August. He had been in failing health for several years.*

*Funeral arrangements will be made later. The body is at the Hulpieu-Swaim Funeral Home.*

*Mr. Crawford was born October 29, 1881 in West Lebanon, Ind. When he was a child he moved with his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Marion Crawford, to a soldier's claim southwest of Dodge City. The family later moved to Dodge City, and Mr. Crawford attended the local schools. He entered the postal service when he was a young man and served in various capacities for 47 years.*

*He was postmaster from March 1 1928 to April 1936, later becoming superintendent of mails. Mr. Crawford retired in July 1948.*

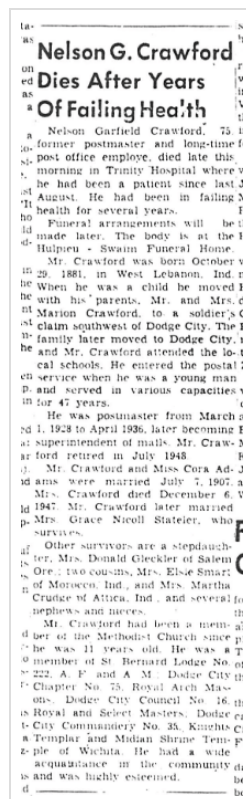
*Mr. Crawford and Miss Cora Adams were married July 7, 1907. Mrs.*

*Crawford died December 6, 1947. Mr. Crawford later married Mrs. Grace Nicoll Stateler, who survives.*

*Other survivors are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Donald Gleckler of Salem Ore.; two cousins, Mrs. Elsie Smart of Moreen, Ind. And Mrs. Martha Crudge of Attica, Ind. And several nephews and nieces.*

*Mr. Crawford had been a member of the Methodist Church since he was 11 years old. He was a member of St. Bernard Lodge No. 222 a. F. And A. M. Dodge City Chapter NO. 75, Royal Arch Mason, Dodge City Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, Dodge City Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar and Midian Shrine Temple of Wichita. HE had a wide acquaintance in the community and was highly esteemed.*

**NELSON G. CRAWFORD DIES AFTER YERS OF FAILING HEALTH, DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE, DODGE CITY, KANSAS, 10 MAY 1957, PAGE 1, OBITUARY OF NELSON G. CRAWFORD; VOL. 46, NO. 130.**



# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 18, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WWII

## 1940 Draft – Serial Number Order

*Continued from Nov. 4 Saturday Tidbits*

“The wheel is spinning in the United States for some 17 million young men. It started when Congress decreed that they should register for possible military service. Then came the registration; then the spin which gave each man in the county a serial number. Tuesday of this week came the whirl that determined the order in which men will be handled by the local draft board for filling Uncle Sam’s quotas.” from *“The Wheel of Fortune Spins’ in the 31 Oct 1940 issue of the Courier Tribune*

### Order Numbers continued

\* Order Number based on national draw

\* Serial Number based on local draw

### Order Numbers 131-140

*(Serial # – Name – Post Office)*

426 Harry Charles Churchill Se

175 Francis James Levret Go

904 Cyril John Stallbaumer Se

226 John Charles Baldwin Sa

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1064 Wilbur Henry Keim Sa

1241 Edwin Henry Wichman Ba  
809 Frank Edward Stuke Se  
282 Lawrence J Olberding Se  
1613 Lester L. Williamson Go  
1116 Leslie Kenneth Wright Ce

### **Order Numbers 141-150**

859 Edwin August Brokamp Se  
1074 Fred Edward Amos Ba  
584 Henry Aloysious Holthaus Se  
1163 Howard Freeman Bell Onei  
1411 Orville Douglas Edman Ce  
309 Bert Andrew Simmons Co  
1152 Henry Francis Hermes Go  
536 Leonard Samuel Roth Be  
1252 Alex Cyril Baumgartner Sa  
1574 Ora Francis Robbins Ce

### **Order Numbers 151-160**

1662 Joseph Ed O'Toole Ax  
1611 Ora Clifford Brammer Sa  
771 Wilbur S Jeanneret On  
434 Dale LeRoy Followell Sa  
251 Velmer Daniel Meyer Sa  
1367 Joseph B. McCourt Sa  
1417 John Marx Christine Sa  
659 Samuel Christ Aeschliman Sa  
698 Cletus Jerome Schmelzle Se  
863 Edward Alvin Schmits Se

### **Order Numbers 161-170**

1089 Joseph Mary Holthaus Co

1286 Robert Brunner Elliott We  
617 William Arthur Mincher Sa  
893 Herbert Chas Showman Sa  
55 William James H Gilbert Sa  
206 Donald Henry Fox Ve  
1325 Benedict C. Strathman Se  
317 Ralph Riley Brown Co  
1471 Emil John Hulsing Se  
683 Alfred Mathias Lueb Se

**Order Numbers 171-180**

100 Wilbur Gale Baskett Sa  
262 Virgil Theodore Kelley Se  
1189 Edward B Schmitz Ba  
399 Joby Carl Haynes Sa  
217 Albert Frank Tangeman Ba  
103 Edward Ralph Flaherty Ha  
220 Wayne W Donaldson Se  
1364 Japheth D. Walden Jr Onei  
561 Albert Peter Broxterman Co  
1133 Eddie E. Schoonover We

**Order Numbers 181-190**

753 Erich Gottlieb Epple Sa  
381 Ralph Elvin Maver Go  
1071 Bernard A. Stegeman Ona  
755 Arthur Collier Go  
724 Frank Edwin Callahan We  
694 Marvin Lester Cottrell Co  
1456 Leroy James Meyers Sa  
1371 Charles Arthur Frye Ce

1219 Charles Joseph Carroll Ax

784 Keith Leonard Baugh Go

### **Order Numbers 191-200**

693 Eldon E. Schoen Go

129 Henry August Ronnebaum Go

279 Emery LeRoy Showman Sa

1195 Harold Clowe Se

1291 James Eugene Severn Ax

157 Clarence Jesse Hamilton Ha

275 Herman Menold Sa

270 Glenn Thomas Holsapple Co

1454 Paul Edward Hill Go

799 Loren Firoved Lancaster Sa

*To be continued*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 19, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) Have you written or made a genealogy or family history book for your family, for eBooks, or for book publication? How did you do it?**

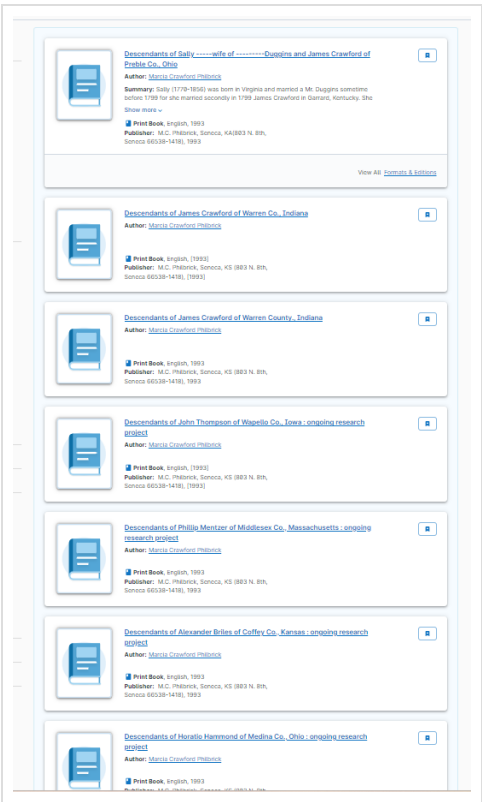
Yes, I have 'written' books and shared them.

My first 'publication' was a notebook of family photos. I created four notebooks – one for myself, one for each of my two brothers and one for my parents. Since I have three nieces and a nephew, the idea was that I would have enough notebooks for each of them.

I'm not sure which came next, but I created a scrapbook about my parents. Again four scrapbooks were created. When my first great niece was born, I switched to digital scrapbooking and created a pedigree chart for her. About that same time, I started using Shutterfly to create small photobooks for my parents and siblings. Then I got brave and used an interview with my parents and my own memories to create a book of family memories. I

used Shutterfly to publish this book and purchased 8 instead of four so that my nieces and nephew could have their own copy.

In 1993, I was using The Master Genealogist as my genealogy program. With that software, I was able to easily ‘create’ books. Thus, I printed and shared ‘books’ of the descendants of my 2nd great grandparents. The printouts were put in a cover with a ‘title’ page and then shared with genealogy societies in various locations. Out of curiosity, I searched WorldCat to see if any of those ‘books’ were listed and found most of them! (Note: I could recreate these ‘books’ using RootsMagic.)



I also found a couple of them in the FamilySearch catalog.



▼ **Philbrick, Marcia Crawford ( 2 )**

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[Descendants of James Crawford of Warren Co. Indiana : ongoing research project](#) [Add](#)  
 Author: Philbrick, Marcia Crawford

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[Descendants of Sally --- wife of ---Duggins and James Crawford of Preble Co. Ohio](#) [Add](#)  
 Author: Philbrick, Marcia Crawford

▼ **Philbrick, Michael ( 1 )**

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[Seneca 125 years ago : a souvenir collection of Seneca's history regarding its 1870 incorporation as a 3rd class town](#) [Add](#)  
 Author: Philbrick, Michael

Thanks to some prompting from a WikiTree user and a hint from a reader of this blog, I learned to use 'Blog2Print' to turn this blog into a series of 'books'. Those 'books' have been uploaded to Archive.org. I also have links to them on WikiTree.

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Heartland Genealogy Sept Dec 2021 by Marcia Crawford Philbrick

Heartland Genealogy April June 2022 by Marcia Crawford Philbrick

While I have 'publications' out there with my name on them, I do not feel that I have spent the time and effort that one associates with being an author. Nor has any of my work been read by an editor. It is all self-published and freely shared.

# yDNA R1b-01A

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 20, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED

Have you purchased a yDNA test for yourself or a male relative? Have the results helped you with that branch of your tree?

I am currently managing three BigY tests for my CRAWFORD line and still have a brick wall! I am fortunate that a lot of Crawford family members have not only tested but have done BigY testing. The Crawford Clan is also fortunate to have a wonderful administrator of our yDNA group.

My brother was placed in the R1b-01A group. Thanks to another clan member, we think this group's DNA goes back to James Crawford of Ardmillan. While that means my Crawford ancestry may go back to Scotland in the 1600s, I'm still stuck in Kentucky/Virginia in the 1790s.

When the yDNA results first came back, I was informed that my closest match descended from Edward Crawford (1762 or 1770 to 1826). This Edward Crawford line is stuck in Overton County, Tennessee. So far, I have not found anything connecting my Crawford line to Edward.

As more people have had tests done, the R1b-01A group has grown. One of those additions is a descendant of James and Martha Crawford — or the other James as I refer to them. James and Martha were married in Lincoln County, KY and later moved to Preble county, Ohio. In Preble county, James (and Martha) owned land next to my James Crawford. While records often show these two men as senior and/or junior, there is only about 2 years difference in their ages. When James and Martha migrated with their children and their families, my ancestor, Nelson G. Crawford, also migrated. Over the years, I've worked with this descendant

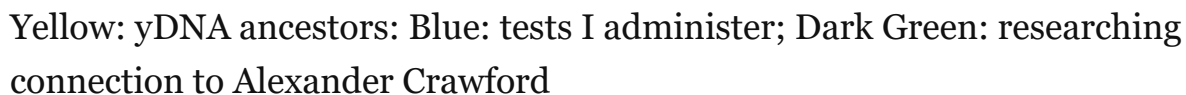
to research both families in hopes of finding a connection. We were hopeful that yDNA would prove that we are related. Unfortunately, it did not.

In January 2020, I also met another Crawford research who had just received the results for her father. He descends from James and Rebecca (Anderson) Crawford. James and Rebecca resided in Garrard county, Kentucky when my ancestor, James (wife Sally), and the other James (wife Martha) also lived in the area. Again yDNA did not prove a relationship between my James and the James that married Rebecca. However, it does show a relationship between James (wife Rebecca) and the other James (wife Martha). A third tester joins this group: a descendant of William Nelson Crawford. The current theory is that William Nelson Crawford is a grandson of James and Martha thru their son John.

Also in our little R1b-01A group is a descendant of David Crawford. Unfortunately, none of the trees for the other members of R1b-01A show a connection to David Crawford.

Ironically, the FamilySearch tree connects the ancestry of James (wife Rebecca) and James (wife Martha) to the ancestry of Alexander Crawford (wife Mary McPheeters). And yes, I am aware that there are a ton of trees that mistakenly connect to Alexander and Mary Crawford. What I find interesting is that in the R1b-01F portion of the Crawford yDNA project are two tests whose trees either go back to Alexander or go thru Alexander to an older generation.

I have researched the tree going thru John Irbin Crawford back to Alexander and Mary McPheeters and feel that the paper research supports this tree. I am in the process of researching the tree that goes thru John Crawford who married Sarah Blake.



- First, there are two lines that I would like to find a descendant to do yDNA testing: William Crawford, probably brother to James (wife Rebecca) and Alexander Crawford, who lived in Garrard county about the same time as the three James Crawfords.
- Second, I want to look at John Crawford (1698-?) to see what I can learn about his descendants.
- Third, I still believe it is possible that the James Crawford lines of Garrard County, Kentucky have a common ancestor with descendants of Alexander Crawford. That common ancestor may be Robert Alexander Crawford and his wife, Marie Shaw.

# Purple Heart

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 21, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART

## Private George A. Weeks

*Courier Tribune*

*Oct 2, 1944*

*page 2*

Albert Hasenkamp, Vernon Keegan, Wilfred Reist, George Weeks, Adrian Schmitz and Bernard Schultejans, Nemaha county boys, are all in 155th Bn of the 92nd Regiment, recently at Camp Hood, Texas, and were home on furlough last week. They will leave home on October 2nd and proceed to Fort Meade, Md. Two other Nemaha boys, Robert Pendland and John Cornell, have transferred to a paratroop company and will go to Ft. Benning, Ga., for training. They did not have a furlough at this time.

*Courier Tribune*

*14 Dec 1944*

*page 1*

## News of Men and Women in Uniform

George A. Weeks

Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks of northeast of Axtell, received the heartbreaking news from the War Department, Monday, stating that their only son, Pvt. George A. Weeks, had been killed in action Nov. 9, somewhere in France. George was 22 years old the 8th of last August; he had been in the Army since last May, training at Camp Hood, Texas. He was home for a short furlough the latter part of September and had been overseas only a few weeks before giving

his life for his country.

Previous to his entering the Army, George helped his parents farm. He was a very friendly lad and held in high esteem by all who knew him. Besides his parents, George is survived by four sisters, Mildred, Mrs. Lloyd Suggett, Beattie; Ruby, Mrs Harry Alspach, Sabetha; Clara, Mrs. Glen Biddle, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Gladys, Mrs. L. E. Fairfield, of northeast of Axtell, and other relatives who have the sincere sympathy of all in their great sorrow. Axtell Standard.

*Marshall County News*

*21 Dec 1944*

*page 4*

### **Pvt. Geo Weeks Killed in Action November 29**

#### **Axtell Youth Gives Life on French Battle Front**

Pvt. George A. Weeks, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks, near Axtell, was killed in action November 29, in France, according to word received by his parents from the War Department a week ago Monday.

Entering the army in May of this year, he had received his training at Camp Hood, Tex., and was home on a short furlough in September before going overseas. He had been across only a few weeks at the time of his death.

Born August 8, 1922, at Baileyville, he attended Carroll school and Seneca high school. Prior to entering the army he assisted in the operation of the family farm.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Suggett, Beattie; Mrs. Ruby Alspach, Sabetha; Mrs. Clara Biddle, Santa Anas, calif.; and Mrs. Gladys Fairfield, near Axtell.

*Courier Tribune*

*23 Aug 1948*

### **Body of Private Weeks to be Returned to Sabetha**

The Kansas City Quartermaster depot at Kansas City reports that the body of Private George A. Weeks has been returned from Europe, aboard the U.S. army transport Lawrence Victory, which was scheduled to reach New York last Thursday. The body will be brought to the American Graves distribution center at Kansas City, then as the routine of handling permits, will be escorted to Sabetha.

Private George A. Weeks was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Weeks of Sabetha, formerly of the Baileyville community. Private Weeks was killed in action in France on November 8, 1944.


*Sabetha Herald*

*25 Aug 1948*

### **Body of George A Weeks to Be Returned for Burial**

The body of the late Pvt. George A. Weeks, being returned from Europe aboard the U.S. Army transport Lawrence Victory scheduled to reach New York on or about Aug 19, will be forwarded at a later date through the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City, Mo., to Sabetha the final destination requested by next of kin.

George's father, George E. Weeks, 225 North 14th st. Sabetha has been notified in advance of the return of the body to the United States and will receive further notice concerning forwarding to the final destination. The Popkess Funeral Home is representing the family.



PVT. GEO. A. WEEKS,  
U. S. Army, Axtell, killed in action in France November 29, 1944.

## PVT George Arthur Weeks

**BIRTH** 8 Aug 1922  
Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 29 Nov 1944 (aged 22)  
France

**BURIAL** [Sabetha Cemetery](#)  
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

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C Company, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division



# John Thompson

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 22, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: THOMPSON

/ TAGS: 007834494, 1443659, 1443660, 1912998, 27423393, 8219116, 929115, FILM

**John Thompson** was born on 4 Mar 1797 in Kentucky.

In Sep 1810 he was apprenticed to George Brown in Ohio County, Kentucky.

In Nov 1810 he was released from apprenticeship to George Brown in Ohio County, Kentucky.

In May 1811 John was an apprenticed to John Taylor to learn the art of a blacksmith in Ohio County, Kentucky.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1820 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

He lived with 1 male 16-25 and 1 female 16-25 who was listed as John Thompson in Ohio County, Kentucky in Jun 1820.

John was listed on the tax rolls in 1821 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1822 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

On 17 Aug 1822, a child named Jacob Thompson was born in Kentucky.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1823 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

John was listed on the tax rolls in 1824 in Ohio County, Kentucky.

He purchased land being the North West quarter of the section twenty five in Township five south on 20 Sep 1829 in Warrick County, Indiana.

On 6 Mar 1836, a child named John L. "John Lou" Thompson was born in Indiana.

He made final payment of fifty dollars and cents being in full for the north west quarter of the south of range No nine west containing forty acres on 11 Apr 1836 in Warrick County, Indiana.

John purchased land being the North west quarter of the south west quarter of section no twenty five in township no five South of Range no nine west estimated to contain fifty acres on 8 Sep 1836 in Warrick County, Indiana.

He purchased land being the east half of the south west quarter of section twenty five in township five south of range nine west containing eighty acres on 3 Dec 1836 in Warrick County, Indiana.

He filed certificate for the purchase of the North West quarter of the south east quarter of section twenty three in township five south of range nine west on 5 Aug 1837 in Warrick County, Indiana.

John filed a certificate for the purchase of the Southwest quarter of section 25 in township 5 South of Range 9 West on 7 Nov 1837 in Warrick County, Indiana.

On 16 Apr 1838, a child named Francis Marion Thompson was born in Indiana.

He lived in Wapello County, Iowa in 1844.

He sold land being the West half of section Number 25 and the North West quarter of South East quarter of section number 23 in township 5 south of range nine west containing 360 acres on 11 Apr 1845 in Warrick County, Indiana.

John lived in Wapello County, Iowa in 1846.

He lived in Wapello County, Iowa in 1847.

He sold land being the West half of section no twenty five (25) and also the north west quarter of the south east quarter of section no twenty three all in township no five (5) South of Range No nine (9) west on 19 Jun 1850 in Warrick County, Indiana.

John lived at District 13 in Wapello County, Iowa on 19 Oct 1850.

He lived in Wapello County, Iowa in 1852.

He lived in Competine Township, Wapello County, Iowa in 1854.

John lived in Wapello County, Iowa in Jul 1856.

He lived in Adams County, Iowa in 1857.

He died on 14 Aug 1857 at the age of 60 in Adams County, Iowa.

John was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Mount Etna, Adams County, Iowa.

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# Thanksgiving

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 23, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: THANKSGIVING

Do you have family traditions for Thanksgiving? Is your family able to get together? Are there favorite foods served? Have you ever gotten up extra early on Black Friday to go shopping?

When I was in grade school, Thanksgiving meant a big dinner at my grandmother's house in Dodge City. While I'm sure my mom helped, my grandmother was the primary cook. The menu was fairly traditional: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. However, my grandmother also fixed candied sweet potatoes and scalloped oysters. In addition, the menu included green beans, a jello salad of some sort, carrots, celery, green onions, and olives (both green and black). Sometimes grandma would sneak in a squash dish that I didn't really like — but had to eat regardless. (See older post: [Tradition](#))

The only dish we children were not required to taste was the scalloped oysters. After a year or two of forcing us to eat them, the adults gave up and let us pass up putting any oysters on our plates.

While the table was laden with food, another room had a spot laden with dessert. Grandma always made pumpkin, pecan and cherry pie.

Today, my 'tradition' is different. Like my grandmother, I am a pie baker, making several pumpkin pies (for church) and a pecan pie (for family).

Instead of helping to prepare a family dinner, I volunteer at our local church to prepare a community Thanksgiving dinner (delivered or carry-out only). Early on Thanksgiving day, I report to the kitchen to help prepare the dressing (from scratch) and put the turkey (already cooked) in the roasters to warm. Later in the morning, I sometimes stay to help the next shift



package up the pumpkin pie and jello salads. Later that day, my husband I will enjoy a family thanksgiving dinner with my brother and his family.



Happy Thanksgiving greeting text with fall pumpkins, squash and leaves over dark wood table background- Henry Ford College: What Thanksgiving Means

# Friday Find

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 24, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BLAND, VIRGINIA

## Bland Marriages

Do you have photocopies from books that you hope provide information on one of the branches in your tree? Today's Friday Find is such a set of records. It is marriage records from early Virginia for the BLAND surname. While my BLAND line likely goes back to Virginia, I haven't found a connection between my BLAND line and the information in this source.

Marriages of Some Virginia Residents 1607-1800

By Dorothy Ford Wulfeck

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 Elizabeth m. William Beverley  
 Elizabeth m. Capt. Peter Poythross  
 Elizabeth Blair m. William Poythross  
 Frances m. (1) John Randolph; m. (2) St. George Tucker

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 Clara ( ) m. Robert Bolling.  
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# Saturday Tidbits

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## 1940 Draft – Serial Number Order

*Continued from Nov. 18*

“The wheel is spinning in the United States for some 17 million young men. It started when Congress decreed that they should register for possible military service. Then came the registration; then the spin which gave each man in the county a serial number. Tuesday of this week came the whirl that determined the order in which men will be handled by the local draft board for filling Uncle Sam’s quotas.” from “The Wheel of Fortune Spins’ in the 31 Oct 1940 issue of the Courier Tribune

### Order Numbers continued

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1406 Ignatius Joseph Rettele Ce

362 Edwin Adam Henninger Be

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

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/ CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

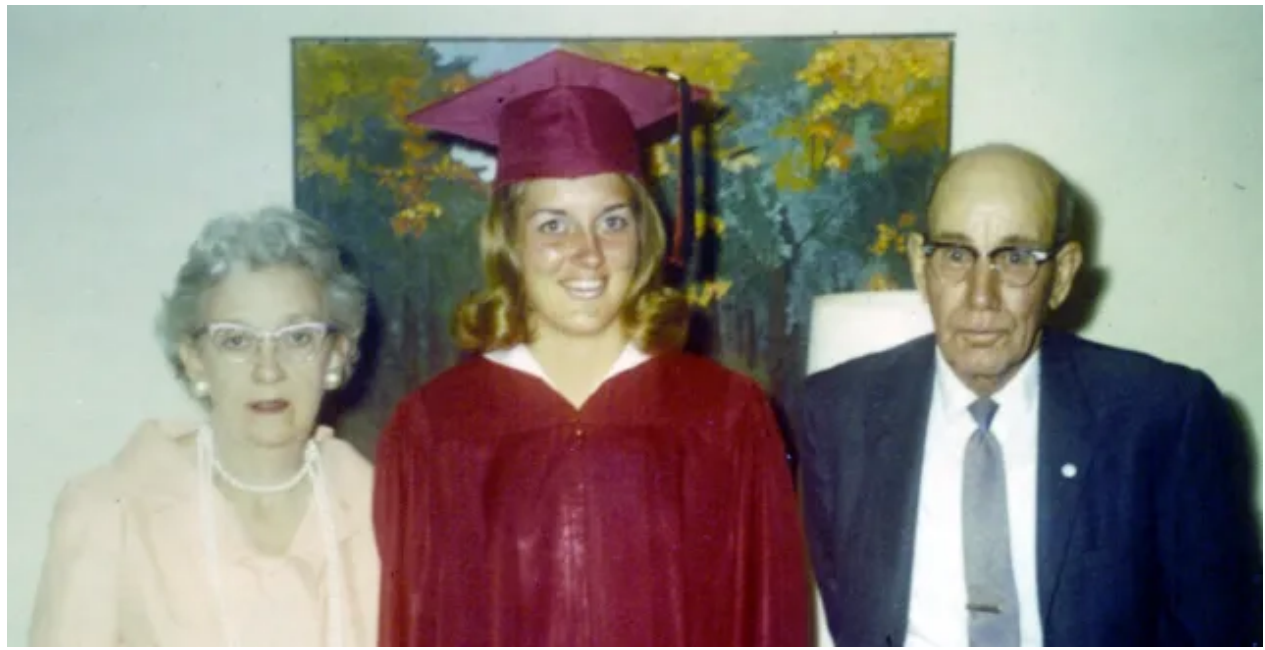
**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) This week, let's write about “My memories of the decade of my choice.” Choose ten years and write about your memories.**

Like Randy at Genea-Musings, I'm going to start with the 70s. I'm picking this decade because I have more distinct memories from this decade than from any other.

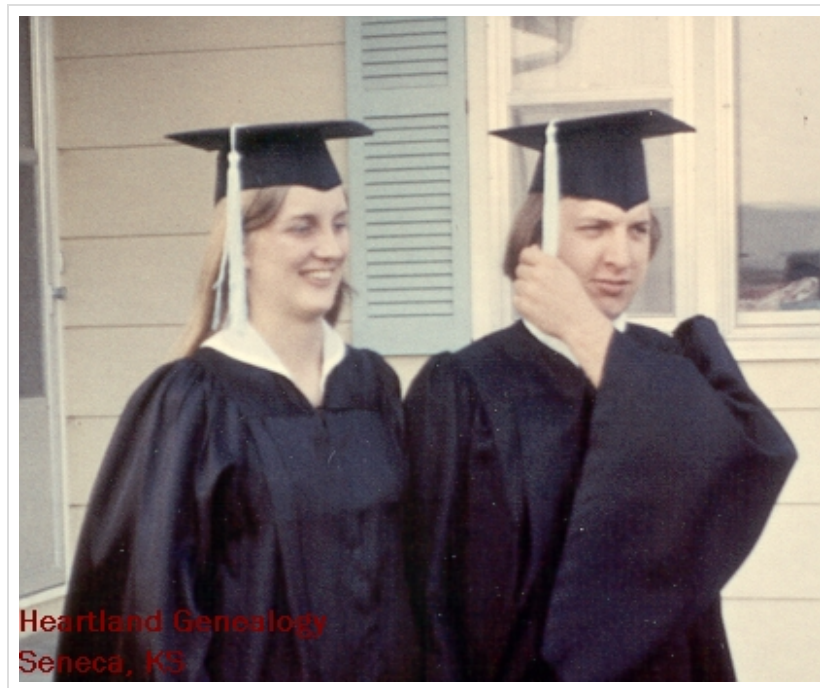


While I have memories of my senior prom and graduation, another memory is stronger. My high school had an open lunch and I had English right after morning break making it prior to lunch. One day in May, a debater stood up prior to class and said we should all go to Commercial street during lunch and join in the protest that would be occurring at that time. While I don't remember the exact day, I'm guessing it was after May 4th. In other words, it was after Kent State. That was my introduction to the politics of the Vietnam War.

When it came time to enroll in college, I remember a discussion with my father about my major and the classes I would take. While he gave in and let me enroll in an American history class, he would not let me major in history. Even though I enjoy the historical aspect of family history research, I found I did not like college history classes. My father had a better understanding of my aptitudes and thus pushed me towards the sciences.

It was during my time as a lab assistant for college chemistry II that I was introduced to a computer. The chemistry department shared a small computer with the math department. Several of my fellow lab assistants were taking a computer class where they learned to program a computer with punch cards. Fortunately for me, one of them had learned to use this small computer and taught me how to program it. Little did I know that 24 years of my career would be spent with computers either supporting the high school's network or manipulating lots of student data for state reporting.

It was in those chemistry halls that I met my husband who was also a lab assistant. We both graduated with degrees in physical science education (think chemistry and physics).



To allow family to only make one trip to Emporia, we were married the day after graduation.



That fall, my husband would begin what became a 42 year career of teaching chemistry and physics at Nemaha Valley High School (now called Nemaha Central High School). While Nemaha Valley wasn't among the smallest schools in Kansas, it did not have a need for two chemistry teachers. Thus, I started my chemistry teaching career at Centralia and Frankfort High Schools. Two years later, I was able to join my husband at Nemaha Valley by branching out and teaching biology.

Knowing that either my husband or myself needed to branch out into a different area, I elected to pursue a master's degree in librarianship. It was while working on my masters that I discovered I like 'information retrieval' or in today's terms searching / researching. I would wait 7 years after obtaining my degree in librarianship before leaving the biology classroom to become the school librarian.

About the time I finished my library degree, my grandmother asked me to help her find where her grandmother was buried. Thus, my venture into genealogy started during the decade of the 70s.

The late 70's also saw the introduction of the first computers, Pets, into the high school. While I didn't teach the computer class, I learned to use these and spent several snow days entering the biology inventory into the computer.

Even though the 70s are mostly memories, they've had a huge impact on my life today.

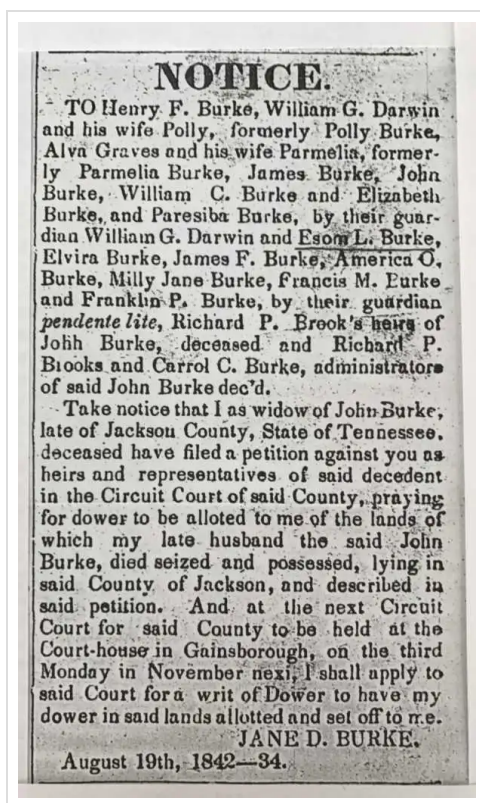
# Chasing Documents

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 27, 2023

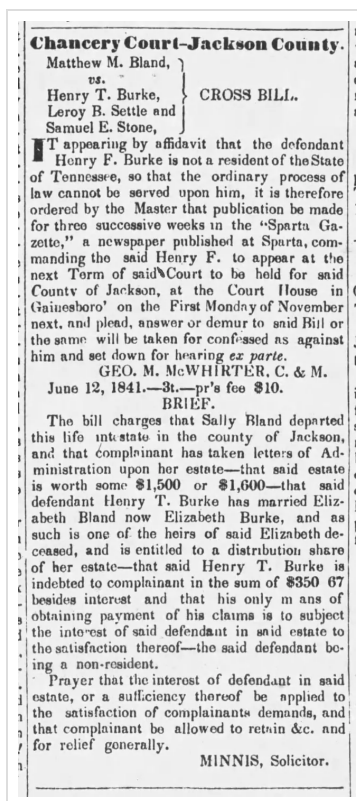
/ CATEGORIES: BLAND, BURKE, TENNESSEE

Have you ever tried to find the source of a newspaper clipping shared as an image on Ancestry? While updating my research for my 4th great grandfather, John Burke, I came across a newspaper clipping regarding his estate.



This clipping is about a probate case involving the descendants of John Burke (see Saturday Night Genealogy Fun post). Since it names my 3rd great grandfather, Henry F. Burke, I attempted to locate the original. Thus, I searched Newspapers.com for 'Henry F. Burke' and came up with a similar article for a BLAND estate.





Since a search of Newspapers.com, Genealogy Bank and Newspaper Archives did not locate the Burke estate notice, my search will continue. It will start with a message to the person who posted the clipping in hopes that they have documentation for it. I will also start searching for the BLAND estate.

Thus, the chase continues!



# Funeral Ships

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 28, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: WORLD WAR II

Have you heard of ‘funeral ships’? While researching the military service and death of Private George Weeks, I learned that his body was transported home from Germany aboard the Lawrence Victory in 1948.

Curious about the ship, Lawrence Victory, I found that it and several other ships were tasked with transporting the bodies of fallen servicemen and women home after World War II. These ships were given the nickname, funeral ships. A quick search of Newspapers.com turned up several articles about these ships and the return of the war dead to the United States.

## ” 5860 European War Dead Due

*New York, Aug. 17 – AP – The bodies of 5,864 American war dead, including many who fell in the bitter fighting at St. Lo, are scheduled to arrive at the Brooklyn Army base Thursday aboard the U.S. Army transport Lawrence Victory.*

*The dead are the largest single group to be returned since the arrival of the first war dead vessel in October, 1947, the New York Port of Embarkation said. Most of them originally interred in military cemeteries at Limey and Marigny, France.*

*Memorial services will be held Thursday morning at the Army base.*

## ” ***Return of Heroes Bodies Speeded Up by Government***

*96 Home so Far; 13 Scheduled to Arrive in U.S. Saturday*

*The U.S. government is speeding up its return of World War II dead and by the end of January, 1949, officials estimated that one-half of the 389 heroes' remains will have arrived here for final interment in cemeteries chosen by their next-of-kin.*

*The bodies of 96 service men killed on foreign soil during world War II and interred in temporary military cemeteries overseas already have been returned to Lancaster County and interred in cemeteries in their home communities.*

*The remains of 13 more are scheduled to arrive Saturday on the Army Transport Lawrence Victory, raising the total to 109.*

### *Future Schedule*

*Official sources revealed Monday that 12 other Army transports are scheduled to return a total of 55,513 bodies to the United States between Aug. 25 and Jan. 27, 1949. Eight of the funeral ships will be returning war dead from cemeteries in Europe, three will be bearing the bodies of heroes to their homeland from Pacific military cemeteries and one is listed to bring back for final interment war dead buried in Alaska.*

*It is estimated that 90 of these bodies will be those of Lancaster County heroes.*

*Of the 518 World War II dead from Lancaster County, next-of-kin have requested that 389 be*

*page 6 (continued from page one)*

### ***War Dead***

*repatriated to this country for final interment.*

### ***Schedule of Arrival***

*The tentative schedule of arrivals of funeral ships:*

*Lawrence Victory, 6,000 bodies, Aug. 21 at New York from Antwerp, Cherbourg*

*Carroll Victory, 2,500 bodies, Aug. 25 at New York, from Leghorn and Naples.*

*Honda Knot, 1,690 bodies, Sept. 2 at San Francisco, from Alaska*

*Lawrence Victory, 6,000 bodies Sept. 30 at New York, from Antwerp and Cherbourg*

*Sgt. Morris E. Crain, 4,290 bodies, Oct. 2 at San Francisco, from Manila, Tanapag and Honolulu*

*Carroll Victory, 6,000 bodies, Oct. 11 at New York, from Antwerp and Cherbourg*

*Lawrence Victory, 5,665 bodies Nov. 9 at New York from Naples and Leghorn.*

*Dalton Victory, 3,65 bodies, Nov. 13 at San Francisco, from Yokohama, Manila, Tanapag and Honolulu*

*Carroll Victory, 5,900 bodies Nov. 29 at New York from Antwerp, Cherbourg and Cardiff*

*Lawrence Victory, 6,000 bodies, Dec. 19 at New York, from Antwerp and Cherbourg*

*Dalton Victory, 2,850 bodies, Jan. 13, 1949 at San Francisco, from Tanapag and Honolulu*

*Lawrence Victory, 4,963 bodies, Jan. 27, 1949 at New York, from Leghorn.*

**INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL (LANCASTER, PA) 17 AUG 1948**



*Greater Interest in Proper Homage to War Dead Urged*

*It is urgent and essential that an even greater interest be shown in return of the heroic war dead and particularly in planning proper homage for their re-burial in home soil, Lee E. Wertz, Tyrone, American Legion state chairman for Graves Registration and Veteran Repatriation, said Monday.*

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## LAWRENCE VICTORY



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<b>Official Number</b>	247790	<b>Gross Tons</b>	7606.00 tons
<b>Shipyard</b>	Oregon Shipbuilding Company	<b>Cargo Capacity</b>	--
<b>General Type</b>	General Cargo	<b>Draft, Summer</b>	--
<b>Specific Type</b>	Break Bulk	<b>Draft, Lightweight</b>	--
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<b>Ship Length</b>	--	<b>Displacement, Lightweight</b>	--
<b>Beam</b>	--	<b>Immersion, Summer</b>	--
<b>Mast Height</b>	--	<b>Immersion, Lightweight</b>	--
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Ship that brought Pvt. George Weeks' body home from Germany

Additional information on practice of bringing war dead home:

- Rest in Peace? Bringing Home US War Dead
- Heroes Return Home: Repatriation of WW2 Remains

# Forever

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 29, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: FAMILYSEARCH, ORGANIZED, WIKITREE

” *for all future time*

” *for always*

Have you thought about what happens to your genealogical research? While I have been considering my options, a recent post, [Saving My Genealogy Forever](#), by Hound on the Hunt added another option, Forever.

Since I have a lot of digital files in my genealogy folder, using the Forever site would be expensive. (Note: pricing in image reflects Black Friday 2023 pricing and expires Nov. 30, 2023)

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Since computer technology seems to evolve fairly quickly, the idea of preserving a file ‘forever’ seems impossible. Thus, this guarantee is unique and forward-thinking.

While I’m intrigued about the services that Forever offers, I have yet to invest in any storage on their site.

Even though I would like to think that all of my genealogy research, photos and files would last forever, I question the reality of that thought. However, I am hopeful.

Much of my hope is based on the idea of sharing. For example, I had two great aunts on my dad's side of the tree that had not only researched my Crawford and Currey heritage but willingly shared their findings with me. One of my mother's distant cousins authored a 'book' about my BRILES line and shared it with family. Thus, for my research to benefit future generations, I have to be willing to 'pass it on'. Even though I have shared my research thru this blog, a public tree on Ancestry, and somewhat on FamilySearch, I need to make more of an effort to share.

Recently someone asked 'Is WikiTree Really Worth the Bother' in the WikiTree Members Group on Facebook. While the comments to this question reflect both viewpoints, several of the responses indicated they are using WikiTree to preserve research into the future.

While I continue to ponder purchasing storage on Forever, I can (and should) work on doing more to share my research.



# John Burke

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ NOVEMBER 30, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BURKE, TENNESSEE

/ TAGS: 985, 985278

Do you ever feel like you've barely scratched the service when researching a branch of your tree? That's what it feels like for my research of John Burke and his first wife, Elizabeth Graves. While I have some information on this couple, I really need to research all of his descendants so I can learn more about the family.



**John Burke** was born about 1783 in Virginia.

*He married Elizabeth Graves in Virginia, United States.*

*He enlisted in the military Tennessee Militia on 3 Nov 1814.*

*He was discharged from the military on 13 May 1815.*

*John filed land entry papers for 17 acres of land that was surveyed on 23 Sep 1817 in Tennessee, United States.*

*He lived in Jackson, Tennessee, United States in 1820.*

*He purchased on 13 Sep 1826 in Jackson, Tennessee, United States.*

*John lived in Jackson, Tennessee, United States in 1830.*

*He married Jane D Basham on 23 Sep 1835 in Jackson, Tennessee, United*

*States.*

*He lived in Jackson, Tennessee, United States in 1836.*

*He lived at District 11 in Jackson, Tennessee, United States in 1840.*

*John died in 1842 at the age of 59 in Jackson, Tennessee, United States.*

*He had his estate probated in Feb 1858 in Gainesboro, Jackson, Tennessee, United States.*

*He had his estate probated in 1884 in Jackson, Tennessee, United States.*

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*28 July 1884; image 851; digitized images, FamilySearch*  
*<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 1 October 2022.*

Thankfully, I do have a trascription of a court case that will help identify the children and some of the grandchildren. Burke vs. Brooks

John Burke on the Web:

- Heartland Genealogy Tree – John Burke
- FamilySearch – John Burke – LRY8-LK7
- WikiTree – John Burke – 13791

# Friday Finds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 1, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED

Do you have documents in your genealogy files that do not have any sourcing information attached? Unfortunately, I have to admit to that transgression. Today's Friday Find is such a document from my WELLS folder for Kansas. This is a list of descendants of Ozias Wells and Mary Kennedy concentrating on Thurston Wells' line.

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*DESCENDENT'S of Ozias Wells*

*AND*

*Mary Kennedy*

**OZIAS WELLS:**

**BORN—MAY 15, 1796 AT NORTHAMPTON, NEW YORK**

**DIED: AUGUST 5, 1832**

**MARRIED—MARCH 18, 1818 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**MARY KENNEDY:**

**BORN: FEB. 21, 1799 AT HALFMOON, NEW YORK**

**DIED – MARCH 23, 1885**

**ISSUE:**

**BENJAMIN F. WELLS**

**BORN—MARCH 27, 1819 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED—DEC. 25, 1891**

**MARRIED – APRIL 30, 1848 AT CLARENDON, NEW YORK**

☐  
**(BY J. WELLS ESQ.)**

**THURSTON K. WELLS**

**BORN - FEB. 26, 1821 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-JUNE 3, 1893**

**MARRIED-MARCH 20, 1861 AT VAN BUREN CO., IOWA**

☐  
**WILLIAM W. WELLS**

**BORN: JAN. 9, 1823 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-**

**MARRIED: JAN. 8, 1842 AT VAN BUREN CO., IOWA**

**HANNAH A. WELLS**

**BORN-MARCH 6, 1825 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-**

**MARRIED - DEC. 27, 1848 AT CHITTENANGO, NEW YORK**

**MARY J. WELLS**

**BORN-JAN. 14, 1827 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-**

**MARRIED - JUNE 15, 1844 AT CONCORD, NEW YORK**

**LUCINDA M. WE11S**

**BORN-APRI1 21, 1829 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-**

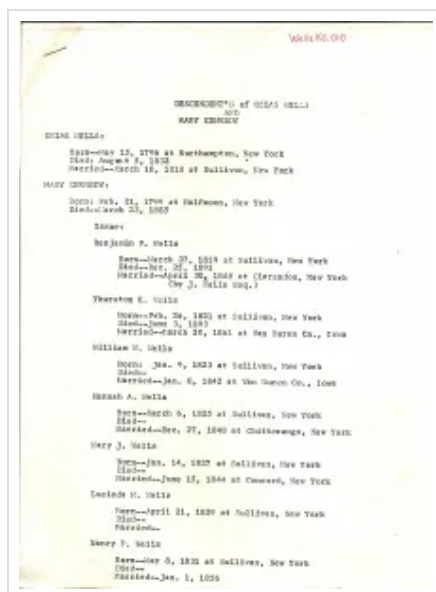
**MARRIED-.**

☐  
**NANCY P. WELLS**

**BORN - MAY 8, 1831 AT SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

**DIED-.**

**MARRIED - JAN 1, 1856**



*Descendants of Thurston K. Wells*  
*Second Son of Ozias and Mary Kennedy Wells*

**THURSTON K. WELLS:**

*Born; Feb. 26, 1821*

*Died—June 3, 1893*

*Married: date and name of first wife unavailable*

*Issue: First Marriage*

*Francis O. Wells*

*Born: Feb. 23, 1853 at Oneida Co., New York*

*Died:*

*Married: Aug. 9,*

*William Hall Wells*

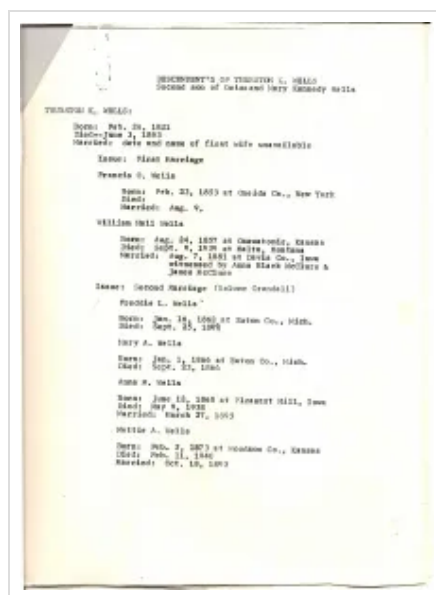
*Born: Aug. 24, 1857 at Osawatimie, Kansas*

*Died; Sept. 9, 1939 at Malta, Montana*

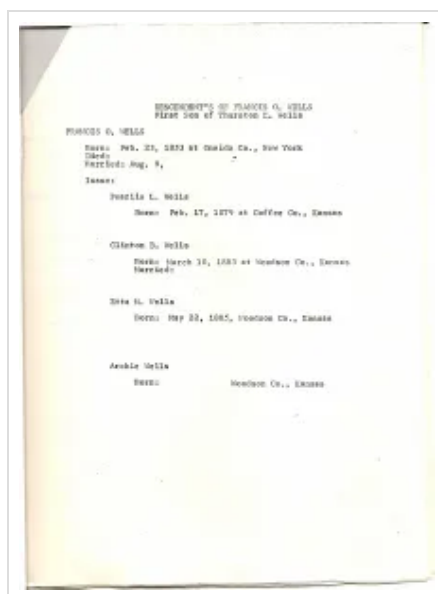
*Married: Aug. 7, 1881 at Davis Co., Iowa witnessed by Anna Black*

*McClure & James McClure*

*Issue: Second Marriage (Salome Crandall)*

*Freddie L. Wells**Born: Jan. 16, 1862 at Eaton co., Mich.**Died: Sept. 25, 1869**Mary A. Wells**Born: Jan. 1, 1866 at Eaton Co., Mich.**Died: Sept. 23, 1866**Anna M. Wells**Born: June 12, 1868 at Pleasant Hill, Iowa**Died: May 9, 1938**Married: March 27, 1895**Nettie A. Wells**Born: Feb. 5, 1873 at Woodson Co., Kansas**Died: Feb. 11, 1940**Married: Oct. 18, 1893**DESCENDENTS OF FRANCIS O. WELLS**First Son of Thurston K. Wells*



*FRANCIS O. WELLS**Born: Feb. 23, 1853 at Oneida co., New York**Died:**Married: Aug. 9,**Issue:**Pearlie L. Wells**Born: Feb. 17, 1879 at Coffee co., Kansas**Clinton B. Wells**Born: March 10, 1883 at Woodson co. Kansas**Married:**Etta M. Wells**Born: May 22, 1885, Woodson Co., Kansas**Archie Wells**Born: Woodson Co., Kansas*



*NETTIE A. Wells*

*Fourth Child of Thurston K, and  
Salome Crandall Wells*

*Nettie A. Wells*

*Born: Feb. 5, 1873 at Woodson Co., Kansas*

*Died: Feb. 11, 1940*

*Married: Oct 18, 1893 at Yates Center, Kansas to*

*Charles Mentzer*

*Issue*

*Gladys*

*Born: No record of date but in Woodson Co., Kansas*

*Pauline and Paul, twins*

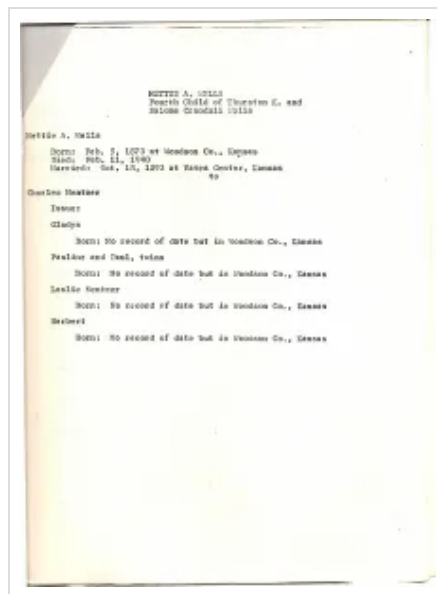
*Born: No record of date but in Woodson Co., Kansas*

*Leslie Mentzer*

*Born: No record of date but in Woodson Co., Kansas*

*Herbert*

*Born: No record of date but in Woodson Co., Kansas*



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*Descendent's of Anna M. Wells*

*Third Child of Thurston K. and SALOME CRANDALL WELLS*

*ANNA M. WELLS*

*Born: June 12, 1868 at Pleasant Hill, Iowa*

*Died: May 9, 1938*

*Married: March 27, 1895, At Yates Center, Kansas to*

*Fred Mentzez*

*Born: March 3, 1871 at Kenanee. Ill*

*Issue*

*Hazel Adell*

*Born: June 19, 1896, at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Cecile Marie:*

*Born: Nov, 7, 1897 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Lelia Pearl*

*Born: Apr. 27, 1899 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Emma Marjorie*

*Born: Sept. 18, 1901 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Wilfred Francis*

*Born t Jan. 29, 1903 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Harley Wells*

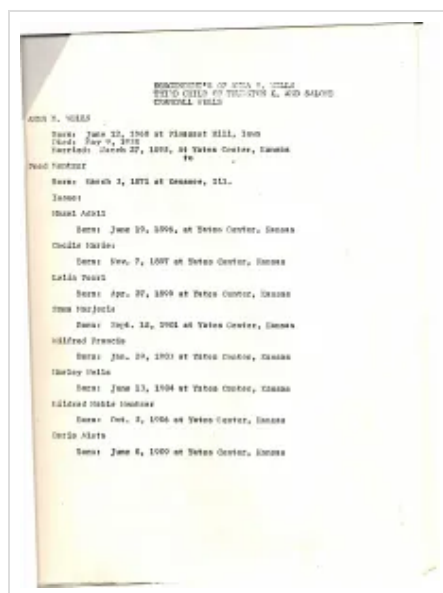
*Born: June 13, 1904 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Mildred Mable Mentzer*

*Born: Oct. 5, 1906 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Doris Aleta*

*Born: June 8. 1909 at Yates Center, Kansas*



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*DESCENDENTS OF WILLIAM HALL WELLS*

*Second Son of Thurston Wells*

*WILLIAM Hall Wells*

*Born: Aug. 24, 1857 at Osawatomie, Kansas*

*Died: Sept. 9, 1939 at Malta, Montana*

*Married: Aug. 7, 1881 to*

*MARY ELIZABETH BLACK*

*Born: June 11, 1861 in Missouri*

*Died: March 14, 1936 at Yates Center, Kansas*

*Issue:*

*NC . Clay Wells*

*Born: Aug. 12, 1883, Van Buren Co., Iowa*

*Died:*

*Married*

*Frank J • Wells*

*Born -June 12, 1885, Van Buren Co., Iowa*

*Died:*

*Married:*

*Dolla May wells*

*Born: Feb. 3, 1888, at Woodson Co., Kansas*

*Died: June 25, 1967 at Malta, Montana*

*Married: Sept. 27, 1908*

*Mary Elizabeth Wells*

*Born: Feb. 25, 1890 at Lebanon, Iowa*

*Died:*

*Married:*

*Samuel Clark Wells*

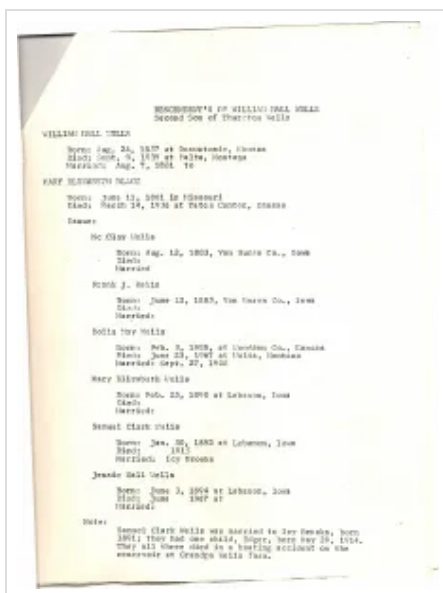
*Born: Jan. 30, 1892 at Lebanon, Iowa*

*Died: 1915*

*Married; Icy Brooks*

*Jessie Hall Wells**Born: June 3, 1894 at Lebanon, Iowa**Died: June 1967 at**Married:**Note:*

*Samuel' Clark Wells was married to Icy Brooks, born 1891; they had one child, Edger, born May 29, 1914. They all three died in a boating accident on the reservoir at Grandpa Wells farm.*



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*DESCENDENTS OF CECILE M. Mentzer**Second Daughter of Fred and Anna M. Wells Mentzer**CECILE Marie Mentzer Beine**Born: Nov. 7, 1897 at Yates Center, Ks.**Died: Aug. 28, 1980 at Iola, KS.*

*Married: April 8, 1923 at Yates Center, Ks*  
*to*

*Emil F. Beine**Born: Feb. 24, 1894 at Yates Center, KS.*

*Died: Dec. 30, 1981 at Iola, KS*

*ISSUE:*

*Norma Kathleen*

*Born: March 25, 1924. at Yates Center, KS.*

*Died: March 25 1 924 at Yates Center, KS*

*Norman Eugene*

*Born: June 13, 1926 at Yates Center, KS*

*Married: Bessie June Willaby*

*Doris Margaret*

*Born: Dec. 20, 1929 at Yates Center, KS*

*Married: Lauren Edward Ryan*

*Maynard Allen*

*Born: Dec 30, 1933 at Yates Center, KS*

*Died: Dec. 30, 1933 at Yates Center, KS*

*Norman Eugene Beine*

*Born: June 13, 1926 at Yates Center KS.*

*Married: Dec. 6, 1958 at Wichita, KS.*

*to*

*BESSIE June WILLABY*

*Born: June 17, 1919*

*Died: Dec. 30, 1982 at Iola, KS.*

*DORIS Margaret Beine Ryan*

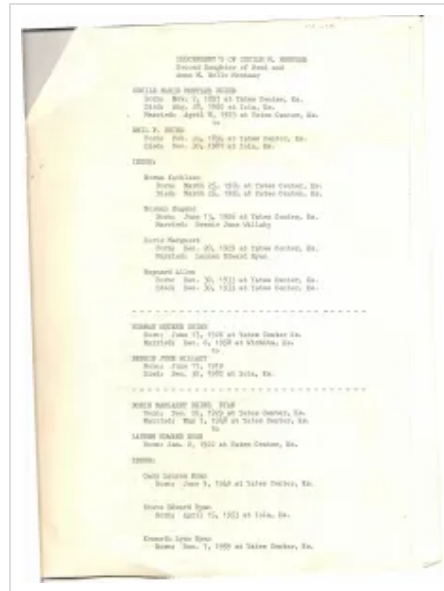
*Born: Dec. 20, 1929, at Yates Center, KS*

*Married: May 7, 1948 at Yates Center, KS.*

*to*

*Lauren EDWARD RYAN*

*born: Jan. 2, 1922 at Yates Center, KS.*







# Saturday Tidbit

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 2, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*Continued from Nov. 25*

“The wheel is spinning in the United States for some 17 million young men. It started when Congress decreed that they should register for possible military service. Then came the registration; then the spin which gave each man in the county a serial number. Tuesday of this week came the whirl that determined the order in which men will be handled by the local draft board for filling Uncle Sam’s quotas.” from ‘The Wheel of Fortune Spins’ in the 31 Oct 1940 issue of the Courier Tribune

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# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 3, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun — Your 2023 “Dear Genea-Santa” Letter

### Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!



*(Photo courtesy of footnoteMaven)*

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him your Christmas genealogy-oriented wish list:**

**1) Write your 2023 Genea-Santa letter. Have you been a good genealogy girl or boy? What genealogy-oriented items are on your Christmas wish list? They could be family history items, technology items, or things that you want to pursue in your ancestral quest.**

Dear Santa,

I believe I have been a good genealogy girl during the past year. Even though I don't seem to have been as focused as in the past, I have diligently worked to research and share my information about my ancestors. I have also spent time researching and sharing information about Nemaha countians serving in the military, especially those who received a Purple Heart.

So Santa, I'm hoping that you will reward me for my efforts by granting me some of my genealogy wishes.

First, I'm hoping you will help me break thru some of my brickwalls.

- James Crawford — help me identify his parents or some siblings
- Salome Carpenter — help me identify her parents
- Crandall line — help me prove / disprove a connection between Hampton Lillibridge Crandall and Elder John Crandall
- Currey — help me find additional sources to prove or disprove my Hiram Currey lineage from Hiram M. Currey of Leavenworth County, Kansas to Hiram M. Currey, lawyer of Peoria County, Illinois to the Hiram M. Currey, the treasurer of Ohio.

Santa, I know you are a miracle worker. But when it comes to genealogy, I realize that I need to do some of the work to help those miracles happen. Thus, I'm hoping that you will help make the following resources available.

- Continued digitization of Kansas newspapers, especially the Dodge City and Woodson county newspapers from 1923 to the 1960s.
- Male descendants of Alexander Crawford (1767-1823 of Pulaski County, KY), William Crawford (1748-1809 of Pulaski County, KY) willing to do a yDNA test
- Ancestry DNA tools to make it easier to identify common ancestors (like a chromosome browser)
- Continued digitization of records, manuscripts, books and the ability to easily access them (i.e. from home)
- Fellow researchers willing to work together researching common ancestors



Then, Santa, I'm going to 'copy' from Randy Seaver's list of wishes. Santa, by granting these wishes, all genealogists would benefit.

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*\* That more genealogy researchers would post their extensive family trees on Ancestry, MyHeritage, Findmypast and FamilySearch with many source citations so that there would be more opportunity to find the common ancestors of my DNA matches.*

*\* That Ancestry.com provides all of their source citations to Evidence Explained standards, and that they would fix the errors in their big tree which we can't see, but is used for the ThruLines and potential ancestors. Also, that AncestryDNA provides a chromosome browser so we can triangulate matches better.*

*\* That FamilySearch makes more of their digitized microfilmed collections available from home. Also, that they make adding Source information to person profiles in FamilySearch Family Tree easier.*

*\* That MyHeritage provides many more Record Matches to my tree there, and also provide "Theory of Family Relativity" connections with my DNA matches. Also, that they continue to enhance the MyHeritage collections, the search function, the DNA product, and the Photo collection.*

*\* That all of the desktop genealogy software programs will synchronize with the online family trees at Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage and Findmypast without losing any information.*

***\* That WikiTree and Geni online collaborative trees would synchronize with RootsMagic and other software programs similar to the Ancestry and FamilySearch synchronization efforts.***

**RANDY SEAVERS' SATURDAY NIGHT GENEALOGY FUN POSTED 2 DEC 2023**

**[HTTPS://WWW.GENEAMUSINGS.COM/2023/12/SATURDAY-NIGHT-GENEALOGY-FUN-YOUR-2023.HTML](https://www.geneamusings.com/2023/12/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-your-2023.html)**

So Santa, I'm hoping that you are working miracles and that at least some of these wishes will be announced during RootsTech 2024.



# Clues

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 4, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BURKE, MISSOURI, TENNESSEE

Don't you love a good obituary? I know that I love it when I find one that identifies many family members. My recent find doesn't actually identify parents or siblings. However, it does provide clues!

My 3rd great grandfather, Henry F. Burke died in 1845 in Platte County, Missouri. His father's probate case ties John Burke to Henry's children. However, I don't have much information about Henry's mother. Thus, I celebrate when I find an obituary providing clues about Henry's parents.

## Clues in Franklin P. Burke's obituary

- mother died when Franklin was 4 (or in 1832)
- father died when Franklin was 13 (or in 1841)
- moved to Platte county when 13 (1841) with older brother and other relatives

The older brother is likely my 3rd great grandfather, Henry F. Burke. At this time, I haven't identified the 'other relatives'.



*Franklin P. Burke*

*Franklin P. Burke was born near Lebanon, Tennessee, September 12, 1828. He died at his home in Winslow, Mo., at 8:50 pm Sunday, Feb. 18, 1923, age 94 years, 5 months, 6 days.*

*His mother died when he was four years old, and his father passed away when Franklin P. was but thirteen years of age. At the age of thirteen, he came to Platte county, Missouri, with his older brother and other relatives. Being too young to enlist as a soldier, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted as a teamster in the government service of the Mexican War and served two years. In this service he drove a team of six yoke oxen from Leavenworth by way of Santa Fe trail and over the Rattooon mountains to Los Vegas, Mexico, where they spent the winter. In the spring he entered the regular soldier service and served during the war. After his two years of war service he returned and was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and he came home to his people who were then living on the farm which Mr. Burke has owned so many years near Winslow and still owned at the time of his death. He bought this part of the tract of land of his brother-in-law when Mr. Burke was about nineteen years of age. He received land warrants or patents from the government for part of the farm which has long been known as the Franklin P. Burke homestead. From this it may be seen that Mr. Burke had lived in the Winslow community about 80 years at the time of his call to the home above. Franklin P. Burke was married to Miss Katharine Keener, October 2, 1851. To this union ten children were born, two sons and eight daughters — W. F. Burke, Mrs. Addie M. Noel of Kansas City, Mo; Mrs. Sarah A. Botts of Yale, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lilly M. Fly of Cashmere, California, Mrs. Mary N. Massie, Of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Lucy Philips, deceased; Mrs. Ella Grantz, of Kansas City; Marion I. Burke of Lewiston, Montana; Mrs. Rausa E. Severe of Childers, Texas, and Mrs. Fannie Lowery of Winslow. There are 43 living grandchildren, 52 living great grandchildren, and 2 living great great grandchildren.*

*In the passing away of Franklin P. Burke, the Winslow community and DeKalb county north west Missouri has lost one of its well known and most highly esteemed Christian men, whose life should be an inspiration to all whose good fortune it has been to know him. Early in life, at the age of nineteen, he was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South, and has ever lived an exemplary Christian life, always being liberal in the support of the church and all worthy enterprises of the place and*

*community in which he lived. He will be very much missed and mourned, not only by his family, but by all who knew this good man. While he accepted the inevitable events of life and death without complaint, he looked into the future with the hope and assurance of a blessed eternity in that city whose builder and maker is God.*

*Oh, that all would so live that as the afternoon hours of life are passing and life's setting sun is nearing the horizon, one could look back to a life so well rendered and look up and on to the great beyond with such hope and assurance of a peaceful eternity in the home with the blessed Master who is ever ready to say to the faithful, "Well don, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."*

*The funeral service, under the auspices of the Masonic Order, were held at the Methodist church in Winslow at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 22nd, and the remains, with the appropriate burial ceremonies of the order, were laid to rest in the Winslow cemetery.*

**"FRANKLIN P. BURKE," DEKALB COUNTY HERALD (MAYSVILLE, MISSOURI), 1 MARCH 1923, PAGE 3; DIGITAL IMAGES, NEWSPAPERS.COM (WWW.NEWSPAPERS.COM : VIEWED ONLINE 10 NOVEMBER 2023).**



# Purple Hearts

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 5, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART, UNCATEGORIZED, WORLD WAR II

## Virgil Brown

While it isn't surprising that there was more than one Virgil Brown serving during World War II, I was surprised to find two men of this name serving from Sabetha, Kansas. The Virgil Brown who received the Purple Heart started his military career in the State Guard.

*Courier Tribune*

*16 March 1942*

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## State Guard Promotions

First Lt. William Vohl of the Sabetha Company, Kansas State guard, was recently called to active army duty at ft. Leavenworth, leaving an officer vacancy here. Cpl. Leroy Van Dalsem recently moved away, and there were two previous non-commissioned officer vacancies in the Sabetha company. second Lt. Harold Geiger has been recommended for advancement to 2nd Lt. These commissions will be effective as soon as they are received from the adjutant general. A special order authorizing non-commissioned officer advancements was published Monday evening. They are as follows: To be first sergeant, Sgt. William W. Tennal; to be Sergeant, Cpl. Martin Rucker; to be corporals, Pvt. M. V. Chase and Pvt. Charles Aeschliman. Cpl. Aeschliman has been assigned to duty as company clerk.

The guardsmen are now receiving instruction, demonstration and practice in extended order work by Lt. Geiger and Sgt. Elba Stine and in first aid by Sgt. Martin Rucker, Pvt. Kenneth



Joiner and Pvt. Virgil Brown. Scouting and patrolling will be next on the course of study. Actual outdoor practice in the rudiments learned will soon be possible with milder weather and lengthening daylight hours.

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*Courier Tribune*

*31 Aug 1942*

## **Call More to the Army**

### September Groups

Nine to Go Wednesday and 15 Leave a Week Later, Sept. 9

Eight men will leave Seneca this Wednesday for final examination and army induction at Ft. Leavenworth and a ninth man is transferred to Brown county for induction; on Wednesday of the following week, 15 more are called from this county and three more who were transferred here.

Wednesday's group includes Willis Eugene Barnes, Vermillion; Kenneth Joseph Dick, Baileyville; Edwin Bernard Ronnebaum, Oneida; Maxwell Eckhardt, Centralia; Albert Henry Wessel of Corning; George H. Joyce, Seneca; LaVerne C. Holsapple, Corning; George Daniel Loudonback, who registered at Arkansas City and was transferred here for induction. Howard Freeman Bell has been transferred from this county to Brown county for induction. On the 9ths, these men are called: David Meyer, Alvin Dickinson, Lester Meyer and Harry Strahm, Sabetha; William Schuneman and Celestine Hulsing, Seneca; Lester Williamson, Waterville; August Buessing, Baileyville; Edward Pfrang and Raymond F. Boeckman, Goff; James R. Heiniger and Wm J. Andres, Oneida; Raymond H. Wessel, Centralia; Leonard Becker, Wetmore; Ernest Ulmer, Bern. Transfers to go from here are Raymond Braden, who registered at Rockwell City, Iowa; Virgil Brown, Caldwell, Idaho; Robert Mayer, Oneida, who registered at Elkhart, Indiana.

Men who have been inducted earlier and have been on two-week furloughs, are constantly moving from home into the army as their furloughs end. A group of a dozen left Seneca

Saturday. These were George Joseph Buser, Leonard Henry Strathman, Gilbert James Schmelzle, Leonard Joseph Schmelzle and Sylvester John Nolte, Seneca; Wilbur Gale Baskett, John A. Troxell, Ray Alvis Longberg, Harvey Charles Edelman, Sabetha; Andrew H. Bokern, Kelly; Albert Joseph Fox, Vermillion; Charles Clarence Sextro, Baileyville.

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*The Sabetha Herald*

*14 April 1943*

## **Letters from Service Men**

### **From Cpl. Virgil F. Brown**

Cpl. Virgil F. Brown, who has been promoted and has a slight different address since last The Herald heard writes from Middle River, Md :

I've been on the go most of the time. I am at the Martin B-26 bomber factory receiving more training. While I was at Sheppard Field I took a course in air mechanics on B-25s and B-26s and advanced trainers. I was fortunate to receive a good average and was sent here for one month's training on the B-26. The ship is a good one, but it has been found that our pilots haven't had enough training and don't understand it as they should.

Most of those sent here have passed a physical to become aerial engineers, so-called flying crew chief and gunners. We are assigned to a crew and stay together. Here at the factory we work on the line and see the plane built from start to finish. Then it's taken out on the ramp and is checked. We go along with the inspectors while they inspect everything on the plane. The test pilot then takes a short hop and he really puts the plane through a test. In case he finds anything wrong, he marks it down and it's up to us to make the correction.

I was recently called on to set a tire and load value which is used on the landing gear system which wasn't set properly. When it's not in time the plane usually has to make a belly landing, but this pilot got the gears down and locked and made the landing okay. I jacked the plane up set the value and operated the gears on the jacks. When the job was completed took the plane to the runway and warmed it up for a second test. The pilot took over and said "Grab your chute we're going up" My heart was really pounding. When the pilot asks you to go for a flight

you can't turn him down, so you know every job you do has to be right. for there's no stopping and fixing up in the wide open places. We made the test okay, but I was watching the gear indicator all the time to make sure the gears were down and locked before the landing. As long as I've been here every plane has checked out okay. Boys who are crew chiefs fly out of here and say in their letters that they have no troubles whatsoever with this plane.

My work will be done Monday and I'll be shipped out Tuesday somewhere else, hard to say where. This place is swell. We stay in dormitories, two to each room. Rooms are modern in every way. We don't have to clean our rooms ourselves but have colored porters who do the work. Never thought that would take place in army life. Food is the best one can eat. We have women cooks who do the serving. Talk of home cooking, we are sure getting it here. The soldiers call this the soldier's paradise. We have each night off and get week end passes to Washington D C 40 miles from here, and New York City, which is only a three hour ride. Each Saturday the train stops near the post for those going to New York. There are only about 600 soldiers on this post and I have never heard any of them say a word against it.

Mother sends me the paper and I sure enjoy reading it. Glad to hear the State Guard is getting along well. Keep on the beam, for it sure will help those who come into the service. I drilled in my sleep many a night when I was taking my basic training. Tell the home folks to keep their chins up and we'll keep 'em flying with thumbs up.

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*Courier Tribune*

*March 2, 1944*

Virgil Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant. He is with a bombing squadron in the Atlantic area.

*The Sabetha Herald*

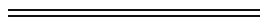
*5 April 1944*

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## **Men in the Service**

### **Sgt. Virgil Brown is Missing in Action**

Sgt. Virgil Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Sabetha, is missing in action somewhere over Germany. Accoutered to news received from the war department, Brown, an engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber, failed to return February 20 from a bombing mission to Brunswick, A German city about 150 miles northeast of Berlin. Mr. and Mrs. Brown received a telegram March 20, telling them that Virgil was missing in action, and last week they received a letter from the war department giving some details of the mission. The Browns maintain the hope that their son parachuted to safety, but so far no word other than the bare facts that he was lost on the Brunswick bombing mission has been received. A few days prior to the raid on which he was lost he wrote his parents that he had a new pilot, implying that he lost his former pilot on a raid. Also he told of parachuting to safety after his bomber had iced up over England and the pilot could not keep the plane in the air. He jumped from 300 feet and was not injured but the bombardier was killed and another crew member suffered a broken leg. The pilot managed to get the plane under control an instant before the bomber hit the ground and landed safely in an English meadow.



*Courier Tribune*

*27 Apr 1944*

## **Sabetha**

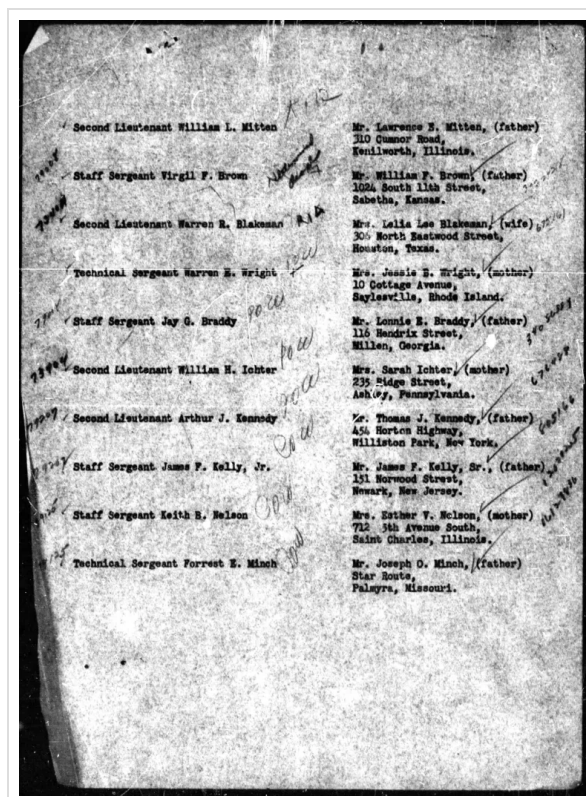
### **St. Sgt. Richard Bindel Is Missing in Action**

With the vastly increased aerial warfare being waged over German occupied Europe from England it is inevitable that among the many from this area who are fighting aboard the American bombers, some must be among the missing. But each time one is reported it comes with the same shock to the community. S. Sgt. Richard C. Bindel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bindel of the Fidelity neighborhood, has been reported missing in action, April 5 over France. The Bindels received the telegram from the War Department announcing the fact Saturday afternoon. There was not further details.

Sgt. Bindel was an aerial engineer and top turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. Three weeks ago, in the Herald of April 5, the date Bindel was missing and the same issue that

announced Sgt. Virgil Brown of Sabetha, also a B-24 engineer, was missing, this newspaper published a letter from Sgt. Bindel to his parents. He mentioned that he thought Melvin Breeden was located near him and asked for his address. He spoke of the weather the slowness of his mail, that he was trying, though without success, to buy a radio. He concluded "Tell everyone hello for me and to keep the home fires burning as I'll be back some day. If what Lt. Robert Fulton, bomber navigator and son of Louis Fulton of Sabetha say is accurate, there appears hope that Sgt. Bindel and Sgt Brown and my others may come back, despite the reports of their being missing. LT. Fulton wrote that there must be a high percentage of bomber crews saved, because when he has seen bombers go down, he always sees ten parachutes open, soon afterward.

While searching other sources for information about Virgil Brown, I found that Fold 3 has a database called US Missing Air Crew Reports. This set of records includes reports for the plane Virgil Brown was aboard.



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**CONFIDENTIAL**

STATEMENT  
ON AIRCRAFT 42-100085

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

The aircraft 42-100085 was flying in the element above me and I saw him peel off to the right with a big hole in his left wing and begin losing altitude. The plane exploded a few moments before it passed from my vision. My enlisted men reported seeing numerous shutes come out of the plane. They believe the number to be a total of eight (8).

*William H. Matfield*  
WILLIAM H. MATFIELD  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Pilot.

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AFPA-41  
 File number 2434  
 INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BROWN, Virgil F.  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 37234218  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret~~ Ball Turret

Did he bail out? No  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If not, why not? Killed by HAK & fighters  
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SGT BROWN WAS HIT AS HE WAS GETTING ONTO TURRET.  
 Was he injured? Killed  
 Where was he when last seen? Alongside Ball Turret.  
 Any hearsay information: NI

Source: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED WITH PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2  
 Dates and destinations if possible: FEB. 5, 1944 FRANCE  
FEB. 20, 1944 GERMANY

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Name of crew member: BROWN, Virgil F.  
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 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret~~ Ball Turret

Did he bail out? I DONT THINK SO.  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ABOUT TWO MINUTES BEFORE WE WERE ATTACKED BY FIGHTERS  
 Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where was he when last seen? THE W/ST GUNNERS SEEN HIM STANDING BY THE W/ST WINDOW.  
 Any hearsay information: THE W/ST GUNNERS & TAIL GUNNER SAID THAT HE WAS STANDING BY THEM WITH HIS PARACHUTE ON WHEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURED AND AROUND THE W/ST GUNNER, WAS BLOWN OUT THE WINDOW, SO WE FIGURED THAT HE WAS INJURED OR KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION.  
 Source: OTHER CREW MEMBERS  
 Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS THE INFORMATION ABOVE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWO.  
 Dates and destinations if possible: FIRST ONE FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> TO FRANCE SECOND - FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> TO BRUNSWICK GERMANY

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## **Morrill**

The body of Virgil Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown formerly of Morrill, now of Sabetha, has arrived in New York and is on the way to Chicago. It will arrive in Sabetha in short time for burial. Virgil attended school in Morrill and many will remember him. Virgil was Staff sergeant during World War II and was killed in Brunswick, Germany Feb 20, 1944.

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*The Sabetha Herald*

*3 Aug 1949*

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### **Virgil Brown Remains to Arrive**

The body of Staff Sgt. Virgil F. Brown, which was shipped from Europe, will arrive in Sabetha Tuesday noon, Aug. 9. Memorial services will be held Wednesday afternoon Aug 10 at two o'clock at the Baptist church.

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*The Sabetha Herald*

*10 Aug 1949*

### **Services Being Held Today for S-Sgt. Virgil F Brown**

Funeral services are being held at the Baptist church this Wednesday afternoon for S-Sgt. Virgil F. Brown, whose remains arrived this week from Europe. Sergeant Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brown, was killed in action over Germany when his plane was shot down, and the body was buried at Brunswick, Germany. It was discovered and identified by occupation authorities in 1947.

Sergeant Brown is survived by his parents; two brothers, Harry and Lloyd, all of Sabetha; two sisters, Miss Mildred Brown, Topeka and Mrs. Lloyd Botz, Colorado Springs.

Services are to be conducted by the Rev. E. Pasley, Jr. of Holton. Burial in the Sabetha cemetery will be with full military honors by the Sabetha posts of the American Legion and



As a mark of respect to the deceased service man, Sabetha business houses are closing during the services.

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# Stumbled Upon

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 6, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, KANSAS

Have you ever come across a valuable genealogical resource while researching a different topic? That was my case recently when I was researching the involvement of Nemaha (KS) countians during the civil war.

Not only did I uncover quite a bit of information and records for the 8th Kansas infantry, but I encountered a site called [Kansas Military Index](#). This site lets you put in a name (or just a surname) and it searches quite a few Kansas military records for that name.

### Kansas Military Index

This index searches all of the databases listed below. It does NOT include all Kansas soldiers. You might also want to try our [Kansas Names Index](#).

Surname:

Given Name:

Use Soundex?

☐ [Soundex finds names that sound similar, although not spelled the same, as for example Turner, Terner, and Trimmer, or Watson and Whitson.]

Include:

☒ 19th century (Civil War & Spanish-American War)

☒ The World Wars

☒ Post-World War II Conflicts (Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan)

SEARCH

Civil War

[Kansas Adjutant General's Report, 1861-1865](#)

[Kansas Civil War Militia Index, 1861-1865](#)

[Civil War Veterans in Kansas](#)

[Kansas Members of the Grand Army of the Republic](#)

[Necrology \(deaths\) of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic](#)

[Sleeping Heroes: The Impact of Civil War Veterans on Kansas Communities](#)

Spanish-American War

[Kansas Adjutant General's Report, 1898-1899](#)

World War I

[World War I Bounty Claims Index](#)

[Kansas Soldiers of the Great War](#) - Some of this collection is [available online from Ancestry](#).

World War II

[World War II Selective Service Index](#)

[World War II Army Casualties](#)

[World War II Oral Histories](#)

[Burials/Memorials at World War II Military Cemeteries Operated by the American Battle Monuments Commission](#)

Post-World War II Conflicts

[Korean War Casualties](#)

[Vietnam War Casualties](#)

[Kansas Casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan](#)

Guides Not Included In The Military Index:

[Military Records Guide](#)

[Civil War Research](#)

[Spanish-American War records](#)

Indian Wars

[Index to Kansas 19th Cavalry Enlistments, 1868-1869](#)

The [Kansas Military Timeline](#) can provide more information about researching military history in Kansas.

Since some of my Kansas surnames are fairly distinctive, I tried just a surname search to see what I could find.

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## Briles:

- Kansas Adjustant General's Report, 1861-1865 showing five records of unfamiliar BRILES family members
- Civil War Militia, 1861-1865 showing eight records including my 3rd great grandfather, Alexander Briles; his son, John; his nephew, Branson; and several yet to be identified Briles family members.

Civil War Militia, 1861-1865				
Results of Query:				
Surname: Briles				
Page 1 of 1 showing 8 records of 8 total, starting on record 1				
Name	Regiment	Co.	Notes	Volume/Page
Briles, Alexander	16th	Company I		<a href="#">Vol. 6 p. 63</a>
Briles, Branson	16th	Company I		<a href="#">Vol. 6 p. 63</a>
Briles, Branson	[Regiment Not Given]	John Douglas' Company, Independent		<a href="#">Vol. 12 p. 31</a>
Briles, John	10th	Company D		<a href="#">Vol. 4 p. 52</a>
Briles, John	16th	Company I		<a href="#">Vol. 6 p. 63</a>
Briles, John	[Regiment Not Given]	John Douglas' Company, Independent		<a href="#">Vol. 12 p. 31</a>
Briles, Wm. H.	6th (Cavalry)	Company I		<a href="#">Vol. 13 p. 63</a>
Briles, Wm. H.	6th	Company I		<a href="#">Vol. 3 p. 219</a>

- World war II Selective Service Records that included my uncle Watler Briles

Using this search, I was able to identify 12 World War II records for the MENTZER surname with 8 of them being for my MENTZER family in Woodson county.

# World War II Selective Service Records, 1940-1946

## Results of Query:

Surname: Mentzer

Page 1 of 1 showing 12 records of 12 total, starting on record 1

Name	Branch	Service Number	Place	Date of Entry
<a href="#">Mentzer, Austin M. W.</a>	Navy	252251	Woodson County	14 March 1942
<a href="#">Mentzer, Delbert W.</a>	Navy	9579885	Shawnee County	9 January 1945
<a href="#">Mentzer, Ernest T.</a>	Army	37497784	Woodson County	12 January 1943
<a href="#">Mentzer, George E.</a>	Army	37150095	Woodson County	10 March 1942
<a href="#">Mentzer, Ivan E.</a>	Navy	9568629	Woodson County	22 March 1944
<a href="#">Mentzer, Keith W.</a>	Army	39701277	Woodson County	30 June 1943
<a href="#">Mentzer, Loren W.</a>	Army	37516152	Woodson County	15 March 1943
<a href="#">Mentzer, Lovell J.</a>	Army	37745338	Woodson County	7 June 1944
<a href="#">Mentzer, Merrill B.</a>	Army	19100465	Woodson County	21 July 1942
<a href="#">Mentzer, Olin M.</a>	Army	37721267	Shawnee County	6 September 1943
<a href="#">Mentzer, Robert D.</a>	Army		Johnson County	29 May 1945
<a href="#">Mentzer, Willard D.</a>	Marines	602919	Shawnee County	7 May 1946

Source: Kansas Adjutant General. *Armed Forces Personnel Who Served Between September 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946.* Kansas State Archives.

While investigating this tool, I also stumbled across the ‘Kansas Names’ search feature. Repeating my ‘Briles’ search in this tool, I found a list of marriage records for many of my Briles family members. This list even provides the book and page number for the county record, making it possible to locate the original record.

research > genealogy indexes > people > kansas names index

Kansas Marriage Index, 1854-1861 (with some additional dates)

Results of Query:

Surname: Briles

Date Range: All

Page 1 of 1 showing 32 records of 32 total, starting on record 1

Groom	Bride	Marriage Date	County	Notes	Source
Allen, James E.	Briles, Alice	12/24/1905	Coffey	Book F, pg. 393	2
Allen, James J.	Briles, Nancy C.	06/01/1874	Coffey	Book A, pg. 206	2
Angel, William L.	Briles, Alice E.	10/15/1911	Coffey	Book G, pg. 332	2
Briles, Alexander	Elizworth, Elizabeth	05/30/1875	Coffey	Book A, pg. 242	2
Briles, Alex G.	Westfall, Mrs. Mrs. Lena	11/12/1922	Coffey	Book I, pg. 256	2
Briles, Benj. A.	Morrow, Martha A.	05/07/1884	Coffey	Book C, pg. 168	2
Briles, C. Lester	White, Clara Ruth	06/27/1917	Coffey	Book I, pg. 007	2
Briles, E. Osmond	Mentzer, Pauline Edith	10/29/1915	Coffey	Book H, pg. 155	2
Briles, Fred A.	Allen, Maggie M.	01/03/1904	Coffey	Book F, pg. 258	2
Briles, Harrison W.	Hall, Susan A.	02/22/1876	Coffey	Book B, pg. 017	2
Briles, James	Overman, Louisa	10/12/1868	Coffey	Book A, pg. 030	2
Briles, John F.	Van Scoyk, Josephine	06/18/1950	Coffey	Book K, pg. 397	2
Briles, John Franklin	Ruggles, Mary Ann	11/13/1864	Coffey	Book O, pg. 125	2
Briles, Noah J.	James, Lois L.	10/28/1911	Coffey	Book G, pg. 335	2
Briles, Robert	Suttle, Catharine	05/25/1872	Coffey	Book A, pg. 141	2
Briles, Theodore	McCullough, Carlyn	06/27/1932	Coffey	Book J, pg. 216	2
Briles, Walter W.	Love, Jennie	08/18/1912	Coffey	Book G, pg. 375	2
Briles, Wm.	Sutton, Madonna	10/26/1904	Coffey	Book F, pg. 314	2
Briles, Z. R.	Tennell, Luttia	12/05/1877	Coffey	Book B, pg. 140	2
Briles, Z. R.	Burnham, Mary	09/29/1921	Coffey	Book I, pg. 204	2
Cooke, Charles B.	Briles, Elizabeth	02/22/1922	Coffey	Book I, pg. 223	2
Davis, J. D.	Briles, Sarah J.	05/10/1888	Coffey	Book D, pg. 054	2
Flake, J. L.	Briles, Effie	06/18/1905	Coffey	Book F, pg. 359	2
Giesy, Lennie	Briles, Mary E.	09/02/1934	Coffey	Book J, pg. 310	2
Harreld, Lewis Warren	Briles, Maybelle	06/14/1937	Coffey	Book J, pg. 427	2
Hill, Albert M.	Briles, Frances M.	01/20/1926	Coffey	Book I, pg. 394	2
Hooker, Frank	Briles, Nellie	02/12/1911	Coffey	Book G, pg. 297	2
Mentzer, Japhat	Briles, Louisa	10/21/1866	Coffey	Book O, pg. 175	2
Meyers, H. E.	Briles, Ida A.	09/29/1884	Coffey	Book C, pg. 196	2
Rosen, J.A.	Briles, Rosetta R.	02/16/1898	Coffey	Book E, pg. 251	2
Ruggles, Thomas E.	Briles, Sarah E.	03/03/1864	Coffey	Book O, pg. 115	2
Staro, Merle	Briles, Myrl	02/22/1932	Coffey	Book J, pg. 203	2

Source 1 = Kansas Territorial Marriages (Kansas Historical Society, 1962)

Source 2 = Coffey County District Court records

New Search of Kansas Marriage Index

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My results contain a lot of records beyond the 1854-1861 time frame. When I clicked on the 'New search of Kansas Marriage Index' link, I found that this information is being created by volunteers!

I am thankful that the Kansas State Historical Society is creating these indexing tools and that volunteers are helping to index county records.

# Pearl Harbor

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 7, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: UNCATEGORIZED

December 7, 1941

## Ships Sunk

- Sotoyoma – YT-9 – Harbor Tug Boat
- Oglala – CM-4 – Minelayer
- West Virginia – BB48 – Battleship
- California -BB44 – Battleship
- Arizona – BB-39 – Battleship
- Oklahoma – BB-37 – Battleship
- Utah – AG-16 – Dreadnaught Battleship

*The Courier Tribune*

*11 Dec 1941*

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## Home Boys in Sea War Zone

### Many are Worried

### Twenty or More Nemaha County Seamen are with Pacific Fleet

Like every other county in the nation, the hearts of Nemaha mothers and fathers are troubled by lack of news of sons who are in the Pacific zone of hostilities. The Courier-Tribune yesterday had information of at least 20 who are on sea duty in the battle ares or on the west coast. The correct number may be nearer 30.

President Roosevelt explained in a radio address to the nation Tuesday night that battle

information will be contingent upon two things. It will not be released until accuracy is checked. It will not be forthcoming if there is a possibility of giving aid and comfort to the enemy. It is clear that news in many cases will be long delayed.

Newspapers and radio are under a voluntary censorship. That is the reason why editors have deleted names of warcraft in the following article, with the exception of the Oklahoma and the West Virginia, said to have been destroyed or heavily damaged in Pearl Harbor.

Monday this paper printed a story from Goff that Billy Henry, formerly of that place, was aboard the Oklahoma. Today, our Bern correspondent reports that Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma and that James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia.

As things stand now, it is estimated Nemaha county has approximately 285 men in the service. There are 78 men in the Navy, 61 in the Army; seven in the Marine Corps; two in Coast Guard, 72 in the National Guard and 65 in Selective Service.

Bennie Koelzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Koelzer of St. Benedict, is serving his second hitch in the Navy and is in his 5th year of duty. He is working as foreman in charge of diesel engine work at the Bremerton Washington Naval Station. He will likely be there till January.

Bennie Engelken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Engelken, Seneca, is a sailor based on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Recently Bennie and Gene Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Henry, had a week-end together in Honolulu. Gene is also a sailor in the zone of hostilities.

Frank Fangman, son of Mrs. Joe Kramer, is aboard a USS Aircraft carrier which is now in Hawaiian waters and it is certain he is a busy young man these days. His mother had a letter from him the other day, written on Thanksgiving.

Richard Heideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heideman, and Leonard Koehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Koehler, are in Frisco. Richard is a torpedoist. He just recently returned from South American waters. Leonard is in aviation. Both lads expected to be home on holiday leave but that's doubtful now.

Leander Haug, son of Mrs. Barney Haug, south of Baileyville, is aboard an American submarine last reported in the Philippine area. Leander is a son of the late Barney Haug, who drowned in the Vermillion early last summer. "Bud" Haug Leander's younger brother, was recently discharged from the Navy so that he could help his mother on the farm. He is now home.

Paul Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber, Seneca, returned from Hawaii six weeks ago

and is now doing repair work on the Naval Station base at San Diego. He had been stationed aboard an Aircraft carrier. He writes that he may be transferred to sea duty soon.

John Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Adam, Seneca, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a mechanic and probably is home when this goes to press. He enlisted at Kansas City.

Lieut. Francis Carter is now in service with the North Atlantic patrol. Until a year ago he had been in aviation seven years but eye trouble made it necessary for him to resign and take service with the fleet. Presumably he is now ranging the seas from Atlantic ports to Iceland. Capt. Arlie Higgins, son of Mrs. W. H. Higgins, Seneca, is stationed in the Philippines, now under attack by bombing and invasion.

Maurice J. Hammes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Hammes, is either in Pearl Harbor or at sea on one of the fighting ships.

### ***By Centralia Correspondent***

When word first reached Centralia Sunday of the treacherous attack by Japan upon Pearl Harbor and other Island possessions of the United States, the first thought that came to some as expressed by them was: "Isn't it terrible? But then it doesn't affect any in Centralia."

We find, upon looking around that Centralia as well as every community in the United States was affected. Howard O'Connor, eldest son of Mrs. Bessie O'Connor, is stationed on a supply and repair ship at Pearl Harbor. Mrs. O'Connor is a widow and has one other son, Alvin, who has been selected to report in the selective draft for service in January.

Orville Edman, son of Mrs. Lenore Edman, another widow, is in the Heavy Artillery at Ft. Mills, 30 miles from Manila.

The last known of Harold Wiseman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiseman, Axtell, was that he was stationed on a cruiser in Pearl Harbor. Centralia always has been his home. He graduated from C.H.S. and enlisted in the Navy from here. His parents have since moved to Axtell but are again returning to the Centralia community in the spring.

Another Centralia graduate in the Navy from here is George Long, whose parents are now living at Goff. He was stationed in China and friends here think he is now in the Islands which have been attacked. This is not authentic.

Gerald Moore, son of Mrs. Ida Moore, Goff, nephew of the Misses Blanche, Anna and Lillie Dorman, and another graduate of C.H.S. is also stationed in Pearl Harbor. At last report he was on a destroyer.



We cannot all go to war but we can help our boys and our country by buying Defense stamps and bonds.

### ***By Bern Correspondent***

Parents, relatives and friends of Bern boys in the war are greatly concerned these days in regard to their safety. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia; John and Benny Streit, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, were on a battleship; Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma; Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bieri, Seneca were on Atlantic patrol; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, are also in the war zone. Duane Simon is attending school in San Diego. Bob Baugh, who recently re-enlisted and is stationed on the Atlantic coast, was to come home soon on furlough. Paul Wittwer is also on the east coast.

John Milton Crandall, son of John Crandall and the late Ethel Hart Crandall, is believed to have been at Pearl Harbor; Kenneth Crandall, his brother, with the coast guard at Baltimore, was recalled from a visit at Goff.

Richard Becker, air corps, at Sheppard field, Texas, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Becker, Seneca, and was called back to duty by wire.

Street report is that Cyril Wassenberg, employed at Honolulu, cabled relatives of safety of himself and wife.

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*The Sabetha Herald*

*10 Dec 1941*

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### **Many Local Men are in Naval War Zone**

Many young men of this area are in the Navy, some assigned to ships that have been in the thick of the Naval war zones that became active Sunday.

Melvin Grimm, son of Mrs. Nora Grimm, is attached to a ship that has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, so vigorously attacked Sunday at Honolulu.

George and Ira Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, formerly of near Oneida now located at Lansing, Kas. are on the USS Detroit stationed at Pearl Harbor. these boys are nephews of Mrs. Henry Imthurn of Sabetha.

Lt. Horace Moulton is on the US Flagship Enterprise which has been based at Pearl Harbor. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moulton of Sabetha. The Moultons have had no word of their son.

Floyd Perkins, son of George Perkins, who works for Watson Bros. in Sabetha is with the Marines at Pearl Harbor.

Loyd Dirst, former Sabetha boy and nephew of Mrs. James Drolet of Sabetha, is with the Marines stationed at Midway Island, which has been reported captured by the Japanese. The report so far is unconfirmed but it is considered possible it is correct.

Yeoman Roy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pendergrass of Sabetha, is on the US Aircraft Carrier Saratoga, based at Pearl Harbor.

George Fritch of Morrill, Former Sabetha Herald employee, has been assigned to the battleship Idaho on the east coast.

Landon Howery, son of Maurice Howery of Morrill, is on the battleship West Virginia, reported sunk or disabled in the Pacific.

Milo Marion, son of A. A. Marion, of Morrill, has been on customs office duty in Honolulu.

Dale Fike, former Sabetha boy, is on the Chaumont, a Naval vessel, type not known here.

B. R. Shelhorn of Dawson is with the Marines.

Two nephews of Mrs. A. H. Engle of Sabetha, James and Duane Simon, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simon, formerly of Bern, now of Belleville, are with the battleship West Virginia at Pearl Harbor.

Delbert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Phillips and brother of Mrs. Joe Bockenstette of Sabetha is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Emery Cox of Bern, correspondent for The Sabetha Herald in that community reports the following about boys in the Navy: from that vicinity:

The Nipponese attack in the Pacific has struck "close home," to Bern and community residents. Parents, relatives, friends are anxiously waiting to hear from Bern boys in the war. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon is on the USS West Virginia, one of the ships reported sunk. John and Ben Streit sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, are on the USS Tennessee right in the conflict. Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Havner on the USS Oklahoma;

Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, younger son of Sheriff and Mrs Pete Bieri of Seneca are on the destroyer USS Hammon; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Bieri are also stationed in the war zone. Mrs J D Sheik's nephew, Norman Dilworth in the army is stationed at Camp Ord, Calif, near one of the islands that has been attacked. Bob Baugh on the USS Beaver, stationed on the east coast, has just finished his time of enlistment and has "shipped over," navy term for re-enlisted and was to have been on his way home on Wednesday for a furlough when the war broke. Now he will likely be retained according to reports, Duane Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs Joe Simon is also in the Navy and is now going to school in San Diego. Paul Wittwer, elder son of Mr. and Mrs J S Wittwer is in the Navy and is now stationed along the Atlantic coast. Business men of Bern displayed their patriotism by putting out flags Monday.

The Seneca Courier-Tribune reports the following on Navy men from Seneca and south Nemaha county. This is from the Monday paper.

George Ward of the Goff Advance in Seneca Monday, said that Billy Henery, Goff, son of Bill Henery now of Havensville, is listed locally as a soldier aboard the Oklahoma, attacked by Japanese at Pearl Harbor Sunday.

There is no accurate count of local boys who are in Hawaiian or Pacific waters. Three civilians, Cyrl J. Wassenberg, Fred Koelzer and Andrew Herold, are employed at or near Honolulu. Others believed to be in the Pacific fleet include Benny Koelzer, Frank Fangman, Art Sisco, Dwight Rickman, Richard Heideman, Leander Haug. Goff also lists Tommy Reed, Walter Furst, Harley Johnson, Kenneth Crandall, Gerald Moore and Jack Meeker.

Wm. Power. northwest of Baileyville, is on the USS Pensacola, Pearl Harbor.

Larkin Rucker, grandson of Mrs. W. G. Rucker, Seneca is with a crew of painters on Midway Island, reported bombed.



USS West Virginia burning (Wikimedia commons / public domain)

# Friday Finds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 8, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD

## Early Crawford Immigrants

Information from the booklet titled, *Crawford Family History*, published by the American Genealogical Research Institute in 1973.

p31-32

“For a start, if your ancestors immigrated in or prior to 1800, the chances are good that you need look no further. The listing which follows contains all known recorded immigrants of the Crawford family for that time frame.”

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Aaron Crawford: born 1680; emigrated from Tyrone, Ireland to Rutland, Massachusetts, in the spring of 1713, children were Samuel, John and Alexander.

Daniel Crawford: transported from Newgate Prison to Maryland n board the ship Patapscoe on 17 March 1728; indentured servant.

Henry Crawford: emigrated from Paisley, Scotland, to New York on board the ship Matty on May 1774, aged 25; weaver.

James Crawford: emigrated from England to Maryland in January 1711/12; clerk.

James Crawford: emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, to Newton, Massachusetts, around 1730; later moved to Union, Connecticut; married to Elizabeth Campbell; children were Margaret and Robert.

John Crawford; born 1600, died 1676; emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland, to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1643; killed during Bacon's Rebellion.

John Crawford: transported from Newgate Prison to Maryland on board the ship Margaret on 11 May 1719; indentured servant.

John Crawford: emigrated from Paisley, Scotland, to New York on board the ship Commerce in February 1774, aged 35; weaver; married to Margaret —; children were Lawrence, Margaret, and John.

Robert Crawford: emigrated from Bristol, England, to Maryland in February 1774, aged 22; rope maker,; indentured servant.

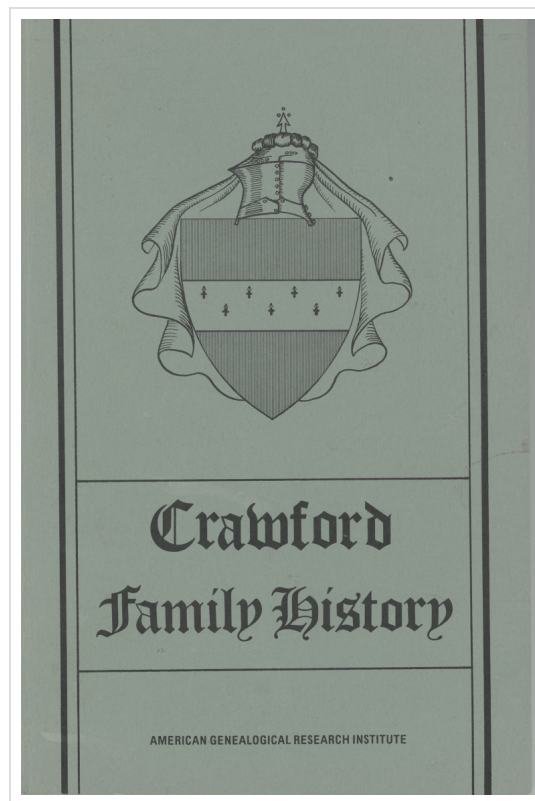
Robert Crawford: emigrated from Scotland to Georgia on board the ship Georgia Packet in September 1775, aged 16; yeoman.

Thomas Crawford; emigrated from England to Maryland in January 1703/04; clerk.

Thomas Crawford; transported from Newgate Prison to Maryland on board either the ship Speedwell or the ship Mediterranean on 21 April 1741; indentured servant.

William Crawford; immigrated to Virginia in 1648

William Crawford; also known as John Cole; transported from Newgate Prison to Maryland on board the ship Worcester Frigate on 20 February 1718/19; indentured servant



# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 9, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*The Courier Tribune*

*Nov. 4, 1940*

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*Continued from Dec. 2*

“The wheel is spinning in the United States for some 17 million young men. It started when Congress decreed that they should register for possible military service. Then came the registration; then the spin which gave each man in the county a serial number. Tuesday of this week came the whirl that determined the order in which men will be handled by the local draft board for filling Uncle Sam’s quotas.” from “The Wheel of Fortune Spins’ in the 31 Oct 1940 issue of the Courier Tribune

## Order Numbers

Order Number based on national draw

Serial Number based on local draw

Order Numbers 401-410

186 Donald Cecil Davis Sa

71 Eugene Frederic Brown Sa

17 Homer Leland Cox Go

475 George Wm Hailey Go

1296 Albert J Kreutzman Ba

428 Warren Charles Piker We

10 Ray Elden Creed Be

1092 William Arthur Hoffman Ce



1346 Earl E Schuneman Se

1275 William Kenneth Most Se

Order Numbers 411-420

1495 Lawrence B. Rawlins Se

929 Paul Galen Phillips Se

1280 John Otho Nebgen Be

30 Wilfred B. Stallbaumer Go

1357 Gerard B. Houlton Ba

1654 Pete Vincent Haug Se

216 Joseph Vondemkamp Se

1054 Donal Sewell Arick Sa

4 Wayne Max McCall We

1190 Van L. McDaniel Jr We

Order Numbers 421-430

1436 Felix Wm. Stallbaumer Se

102 Earl Walter Parli Sa

895 William Henry Kranz Jr Ce

252 Harold Earl Frank Se

1536 Vincent L. Gudenkauf Se

416 Fred G. Holthaus JR Se

110 Alfred H. Stallbaumer Se

41 Bert Henry Keim Sa

1247 Dale A. Brock Go

401 Lloyd Raymond Whiteside Se

Order Numbers 431-440

1641 Anthony A. Rettele Se

463 Walter Henry Lierz Se

1384 Orville franklin Yarger Sa

168 Leo Joseph Heiman Ba

774 Clyde Edwin Vernon Go  
1261 Robert Sidney Doak Se  
1432 Leonard Krogman Ba  
632 George Michael Grdinovich Se  
815 Marrion Lee Owens Ce  
427 Robert Emil Studer Sa

Order Numbers 441-450

873 Joseph Clement Deters Ba  
34 Wilfredd Michael Eisenbarth Go  
1558 William M. Kennedy Onei  
1194 Merlin Chester Myers Se  
1418 Frances Geo. Hartman Se  
593 Virgil Rufus Carpenter Sa  
1341 Alvin Leon Bauman Onei  
123 George Eral Byrne Ce  
1322 Clarence M. Ronnebaum Onei  
87 Paul Earl Noble Ce

Order Numbers 451-460

533 Alva Fidelus Myers Ce  
579 Edwin Henry Wessel Ba  
619 Leo Lucas Ce  
1525 Charles H. Metsner Sa  
1256 Raymond Lyle Levick We  
794 Lawrence H. Shuch Sa  
479 Cyril Joseph Lauer Se  
221 Norbert Leroy Huerter Se  
1481 Lynn Thomas King Go  
762 Roy Fern Wade We

## Order Numbers 461-470

539 Clarence Edwin Maelzer Ce  
Glen James Madden Ax  
754 Gottlieb E Eichenberger Sa  
578 Tobias Jesse Strahm Sa  
6 James Walter Smith Go  
1507 William A. Gugelman Be  
729 Walter Charles Metzger Sa  
1453 Lawrence M. Sigmund We  
1516 Alvin Francis Huber Be  
152 Joseph Arthur Emert Sa

## Order Numbers 471-480

1499 Harry Rogers Be  
1653 Raymond C. Williams Sa  
787 Francis Albert Ratliff Se  
1393 Virgil Bernhard Haug Ve  
705 Earl Arealius Hightower Ce  
1498 Elmer Samuel Isch Sa  
Frank Timothy Heiman Se  
366 Stephen Dennis Glynn Ax  
8 JoOhn Kenneth Kenworth Ax  
1338 Cameron Earl Nickel Onei

## Order Number 481-490

604 Donald Poe Dittimore Se  
1335 Clement Peter Schmelzle Se  
328 Paul Patrick Smith Se  
775 Harvey Chas Robinson Sa  
202 Walter Leuthold Sa  
619 Melvin B. Stallbaumer Se  
1573 Ivan J. N. Christman Sa

1473 Adrian Maurice Haug Ve  
1281 George Stephen Moore Onei  
1467 Walter Emil Meyer Sa

#### Order Numbers 491-500

274 Vollie Alyoius Shump Se  
1379 Paul B. Bretweiser Sa  
1634 Max Clarence Leuze Sa  
64 Clayton George Whistler We  
1433 Charles H. Bennett Ce  
569 John Albert Buessing Sa  
367 Cletus Henry Lackey Se  
56 Forrest Edward Kessler We  
173 Donald John VanDonge Ci  
994 William Harold Long Ve

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 10, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

## Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!



(Photo courtesy of footnoteMaven)

**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him your Christmas genealogy-oriented wish list:**

# 1) What Christmas-time weather have you experienced? Does it snow at Christmas-time where you live? What are the likely temperatures at Christmas time??

Wow, Genea-Santa expects one to predict Christmas weather in KANSAS! That's a hard task that even the meteorologists struggle with — especially two weeks in advance.

We have not been having 'typical' winter weather. We have been warmer than usual and dry. So what does that indicate about Christmas. Typically December is cold but a 'white' Christmas is not normal. However, there have been some historic winter storms in December. Since the Sabetha newspapers are online, it was possible to search the papers for 'ice storm' or 'blizzard'.



City of Sabetha employees work to clear Main Street after a snowstorm blew across the state of Kansas Wednesday evening, [December 19](#), and early Thursday morning, [December 20](#). Crews started hours before daylight Thursday morning to clear the city streets. Piles of snow lined the center of Main Street as crews worked to clear a path for residents of Sabetha. Crews hauled an estimated 80 truckloads of snow, according to Sabetha Assistant City Administrator Bill Shroyer. Students and staff of Prairie Hills USD No. 113 did not have school Thursday or Friday, [December 21](#). Herald photo by Krista Wasinger

## Blizzard-like conditions sweep across the state

Sabetha Herald 26 Dec 2012

# Bern News —

The holiday season of 2009 will go down in record books as the "Christmas **Blizzard**." Our part of northeast Kansas experienced freezing rain changing to snow on Dec. 24 and continuing through Christmas Day. We accumulated 12 inches of snow accompanied by a 40-mile-an-hour north wind and making traveling virtually impossible with most church services canceled and family gatherings postponed. Many thanks to our local crew who gave up their Christmas morning to clear drifts from the streets of Bern.

Sabetha Herald, 6 Jan 2010

(Photos by Doug Tennal)

## Ice Storm Creates Havoc With Trees

It was on Dec. 5, 1973, that the worst ice storm in the history of this area struck and caused devastating damage. On Dec. 7, 1980, a similar ice storm hit here and while perhaps not quite as destructive, it certainly ranks close to the storm seven years ago.

power was back on in Sabetha by Monday afternoon. Rural areas were also having power troubles but most farmers were better prepared this time than in 1973 and had provided themselves with auxiliary emergency generators so they could continue to take care of livestock. Gene's Thriftway on the highway was

roads, while still hazardous, were passable. Travel Monday was extremely dangerous although there were no serious wrecks reported. Telephone service was also disrupted although trouble was spotty. Sabetha Chamber of Commerce held

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## Beginning To Recover From Ice Storm

The most destructive winter storm in provided eight men, two trucks and a son and Kansas City, Kas., have been

Sabetha Herald 12 Dec 1973

We were hosting my family's Christmas celebration in 2009. My niece drove to Seneca from Onaga with the snow piled along the highway above her car. However, the ice storm of 2007 is the Christmas storm that most people recall. This storm took out electricity all across northeast Kansas. While power was back on at our house by evening, it took several weeks for the rural areas to get their power back. Christmas lights did not bring joy that year. Instead they highlighted the haves when it came to electrical power.





Sabetha Herald 19 Dec 2007

So, what does the long range forecast predict for this Christmas?

- Farmers Almanac – snowy periods; mild then bitter cold
- Weather25 – 14 Day forecast – colder but no winter storms
- AccuWeather – Kansas City – colder but no winter storms

Since we are two weeks away from Christmas, it is impossible to truly predict what our weather will be. Based on our current weather, I would guess that AccuWeather and Weather25 are closer to predicting our Christmas weather.



# Crawford – Blake – Henderson

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 11, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD, MCPHEETERS, TENNESSEE

Do you ever try to prove another person's tree in your DNA research? That's my situation with a yDNA match. While I don't have any reason to doubt this tester's tree, others question trees similar to it because people try to wrongly attach their Crawford line to a fairly 'famous' couple: Alexander Crawford and his wife Mary McPheeters. Since this tester is in the R1b group along with my line, his line may help break down my Crawford brick wall.

Unfortunately, others question that descendants of Alexander are in the R1b group. Thus, I said I would do some research on this particular tree. I have found census records, obituaries and a guardian record that validates the line back to John Crawford of Lincoln county TN who married Sarah Blake. John is identified as a great grandson of Alexander thru Alexander's son William.

According to Find a Grave (Memorial No. 105761063), John Crawford was born in 1818. In 1846, he married Sarah Blake in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

John Crawford is shown as a 30 year old male on the 1850 census in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Included in his household is 23 year old Sarah along with two children: Adalia, aged 2 and John aged 1.

John died in 1856 and is buried Lincoln county, Tennessee.

In 1858, a Sarah Crawford married Henry Henderson in Lincoln County, Tennessee. The 1860 Lincoln County, Tennessee census shows Henry Henderson as a 35 year old male head of household. The household contains six other individuals with only a first name given.

Ancestry's indexing assumes that everyone in the household has the same surname as Henry Henderson.

- Sarah – aged 32
- Frances – aged 12
- Edmond – aged 11
- William – aged 9
- Annah – aged 5
- Victoria – aged 1

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2		Sarah	32 f			sewing						
3		Frances	12 f									
4		Edmond	11 m									
5		William	9 m									
6		Annah	5 f									
7		Victoria	1 f									

On FamilySearch, the family for John Crawford and wife Sarah Blake has the following children:

- Adelia Frances – born 1847 – thus 13 in 1860
- John Edward – born 1849 – thus 11 in 1860
- William Blake – born 1851 – thus 9 in 1860
- Robert Alma – born 1853 – died 1858
- Lucy Annay – born 1855 – thus 5 in 1860

These children listed in the family on FamilySearch are similar to the children listed in the 1860 census record. I believe it is possible that the census taker may not have realized the children had a different surname. If so, then these children in the Henry Henderson household could be John Crawford's children.

In September 1868, there is a probate record in Lincoln county, Tennessee for John Crawford which appoints Henry Henderson as a guardian for John Edward, Dilia Francis, William and Luch Anna.

” We Henry Henderson, James Henderson

are held and firmly bound to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of one

thousand dollars Witness our hands and seals, this

7 day of September 1868

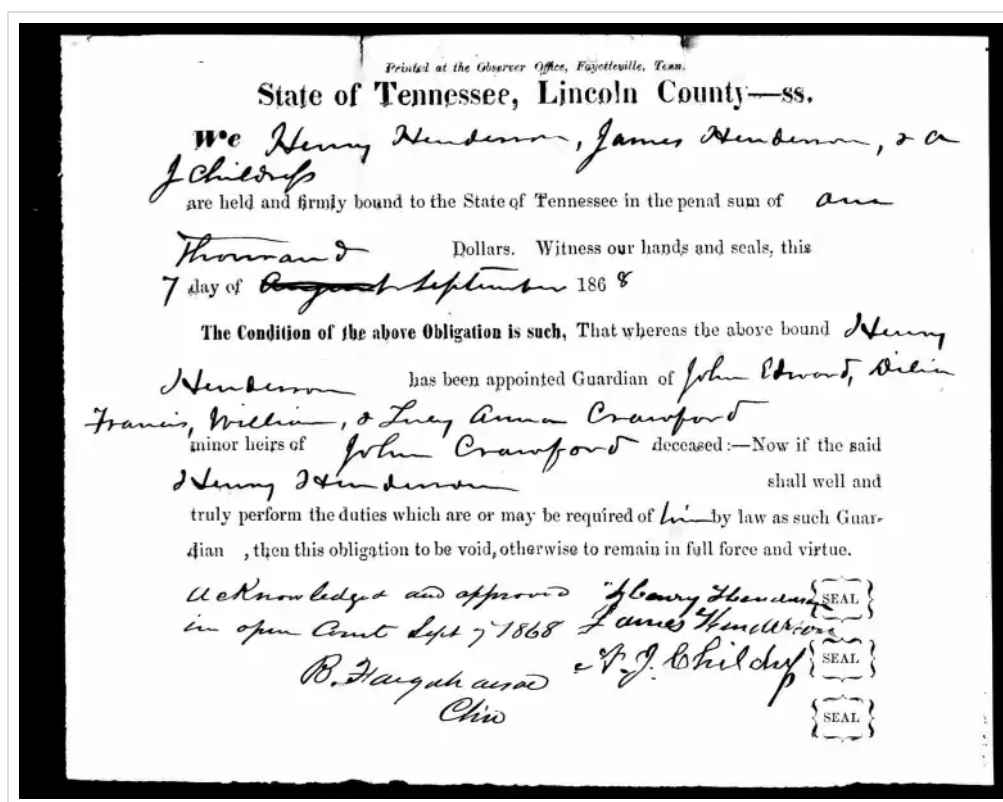
The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bound Henry

Henderson has been appointed guardian of John Edward, Dilia

Francis, William & Luch Anna Crawford

minor heirs of John Crawford deceased:

**PROBATE FILE JOHN CRAWFORD, 7 SEPTEMBER 1868; VIEWED ONLINE, ANCESTRY.COM  
(WWW.ANCESTRY.COM : VIEWED ONLINE 17 NOVEMBER 2023).**



If one analyzed these records separately, one might conclude that the 1860 census record for Henry Henderson shows Henry's biological children. However, the guardianship record in

John Crawford's probate file supports the conclusion that these are CRAWFORD children and thus passing down CRAWFORD DNA to their descendants.

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# Purple Heart

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

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/ CATEGORIES: PURPLE HEART, WORLD WAR II

## Frank Schaffer

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Pvt. Frank M. Schafer has written his parents of his safe arrival overseas. He is in North Africa, says the country is nice where he is located. He spoke of having a fine Thanksgiving dinner. Pvt Schafer is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Seneca.

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## With the Armed Forces

Frank Martin Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. rank Schafer, Seneca, has the following address: Pvt. Frank M. Schafer, 37510455, Co. D. 9th Armed Regt., APO No. 444, 20th division, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, US army.

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## **Purple Heart to Frank Schafer, Jr.**

### **For Wounds Received ; Sept. 12 in France**

Sgt. Frank M. Schafer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Seneca, has been awarded two honors for outstanding service in action September 12, in France. The first award is the Purple Heart, the second the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart. The awards were made under date of September 25 by Major General O'Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer have received no direct information from their son regarding his injuries or the battle in which he took part but believe the action was during the invasion of southern France. Frank Jr., wrote his sister, Mrs. Wm. McEchron, Wichita, that his tank was knocked out and he lost all his personal belongings. Frank is with a tank battalion in the infantry of the U.S. Army. He served in Africa, Sicily and Italy before going to France. a letter to his parents, written December 25, and received Jan. 16, indicated he was recovered and returned to duty. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer have been hearing from their son regularly with the exception of a 30 day period this fall. He sent Christmas gifts to members of his family. they arrived last week and included beautiful silk embroidered head scarfs and gloves for his mother and sisters; ties for his father.

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## **News of Men and women in Uniform**

### **Sgt. Frank Schafer Missing in Action**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Seneca, received word Friday that their son, Sgt. Frank M. Schafer, is reported missing in action over France since Jan. 25. the telegram from Adjutant

Ulio's office state that other information will follow, Sgt. Schafer has been in service 15 months. He was with a tank battalion and wounded on Sept. 12, for which he received the Purple Heart. He returned to duty about the time he was reported missing. friends sincerely, hope with the family that Sgt. Schafer may be found to be all right.

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## **Sgt. Schafer Is Dead**

### **Was Killed in France**

### **Seneca Youth Previously Listed as Missing in Line of Duty**

Word came to Seneca relatives Wednesday that Sgt. Frank Schafer Jr., reported last week as missing in action in France, January 25th, was killed on that date in action, in France. The soldier served with a tank battalion and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Seneca.

Another local youth has paid the supreme sacrifice by giving his life for his country. Frank Schafer Jr., 21 years old, died in France where he served as a tank driver with the Seventh Army. Junior, as he was known here, entered service about two years ago, took his training at camp Campbell, Ky., and went overseas 15 months ago. He took part in the action against the enemy in Italy and the invasion of southern France.

As was stated in a recent issue of The Courier-Tribune, Junior was injured in September and received the Purple Heart and other citations for meritorious service. the last letter his parents received from him was written January 20 and it is believed he returned to active service about that time after several weeks hospitalization in France.

Sgt. Schafer grew to manhood in Seneca and attended Sts. Peter and Paul School. He was a quiet youth. He drove a truck for August Wichman for several months before going into service. Besides his parents he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Bernice McEchron, Mrs. Charlotte VanValkenburgh, Wichita, and Jackie Lou and Doris Jean of the home. His paternal grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Lamping, Omaha, also survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer are in Wichita this week with their daughter, Mrs. VanValkenburgh, who had an operation. The sad news was delivered to them at their daughter's home.

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## **News of Men and Women in Uniform**

### **Tankmen of 7th Army Use "Watch My Tracer" Method**

From Europe comes information about a tank division of the Seventh Army in France, in which Frank Schafer, JR., Seneca, served. Last week the Seneca youth was reported killed in action.

The article is as follows: In combat there are those times when  
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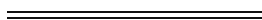
in confusion of mortars, shells, machine guns and mines, the rule book is tossed out and the tankman's individual initiative and ingenuity count above all. On the other hand there are the times when they have the mixed-up feeling as to whether it is actual combat they are in, or a well rehearsed maneuver in which they are following the rules to the letter as set down by the book.

Such an incident occurred on the Seventh Army front recently. the 756th Tank Battalion was playing the old training game of "Watch my tracer."



On one tank, an infantry captain was acting as target marker. HE would see a Kraut machine gun nest and shoot at it once with his rifle. Sgt. Frank M. Schafer, Seneca, would spin the turret of his tank so that it was as near in line with the rifle's tracer as possible. the gunner would be ready with his sights and about the time the turret got round, the captain would let another tracer fly, enabling the gunner to get an exact bead on the target and the tank would blast forth. They moved steadily forward, picking off the machine gun nest like clockwork, while other tanks were having equal success with the old training game. there were 13 machine gun nests knocked out, the better part of 200 Germans captured or killed and the town which had been the objective was captured.

No mention of Sgt. Schafer's death was made in the article which was passed for publication February 7, 1945.



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### **Chaplain Writes of Death of Sgt. Frank M. Schafer**

Following is a letter received Tuesday from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ralph J. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Seneca, in regard to the death of their son, Sgt. Frank M. Schafer, January 25th in France. The letter reads as follows:

"As Division Chaplain of the Third Infantry Division to which Frank M. Schafer was attached at the time of death. I am writing to you to offer my deepest sympathy. Frank was commanding a tank in an attack on enemy positions in Northeastern France. As his tank approached a wooded area he raised his head above the turret that he might see better. A sniper's bullet struck him in the head killing him instantly. Frank was buried in a beautifully located and well-kept cemetery. I myself held the service.

"Frank was a very capable and determined tank commander. He was well liked by all the men of his company. Upon one occasion, he was complimented by n Infantry battalion commander for the excellent manner in which he commanded his tank in battle. Frank paid a great price that we as a free people might continue to enjoy all those things that make life worth living. Not only our nation, but also our very civilization is deeply indebted to him — a

debt we can never repay. Surely God in His infinite mercy has given him the reward he so well deserved.

I assure you that I shall remember your loved one in all my Masses to my dying day. As for yourself, may God grant that our courage in bearing your bereavement be as great as that of your son in the performance of his duty.” the letter was signed, Ralph J. Smith.

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## **Body of Sgt. Schafer to U.S.**

### **Arrives on Army Transport Robert F. Burns**

The Kansas City quartermaster depot has announced that the body of the late Sergeant Frank M. Schafer, Seneca, is arriving in the port of New York aboard the United States Army Transport Robert F. Burns, and accompanied by appropriate military escort, will be forwarded through the American Graves distribution Center at Kansas City to Seneca for final interment.

It was stated that a period of two weeks is expected to elapse after arrival of the transport before remains are started from the Kansas City Center to the final destination, and that forwarding of bodies will continue from that time over a period of six weeks. Next of kin will be notified in time to make final plans for services, tiw as stated.

At Seneca the Lauer funeral home represents the Schafer family in handling of details. Sergeant Schafer is the first Seneca boy whose body has been brought from abroad, though, others have been connected with families of this community.

Sgt. Schafer was killed in action January 25, 1945 in southern France. He was holder of the purple heart and commendations before he met death. His body is being returned from the U.S. military cemetery at Epinal, France.

Sgt. Schafer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer Sr., Seneca, and is survived by his parents and four sisters, Misses Doris and Jacqueline of the home, Mrs. Bernice McEchron of

Wichita and Mrs. Charlotte VanValkenburgh, Manhattan.

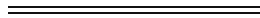
The Kansas City Star of Monday night carried a list of men whose bodies are being returned. On the transport John L. McCarley, was the body of S/Sgt. Earl J. Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer of Sabetha. Sgt. Meyer was killed in the St. Lo area leading his platoon in an attack July 23, 1944.

Another Connection Here

Also arriving on the Transport Robert F. Burns was the body of Sgt. Michael Campbell, son of Edward Campbell of Hoxie, Kansas.

Sgt. Campbell was a nephew of Mrs. Walter Backer and of Mrs. Ben Macke of Seneca, his mother now deceased, having been a sister of the two Seneca women.

Sgt. Campbell was in an infantry unit, was killed in the same battle and on the same day as Sgt. Schaffer. It is not believed that the two sergeants knew each other but their mothers were girlhood friends.



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## **Service Here on Friday**

### **For Sergeant Schafer**

### **First of War Dead to Be Brought Home — Full Military Honors**

The Seneca community will honor the first of its war dead to be returned from overseas Friday morning of this week, when services will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul church for sergeant Frank M. Schafer, who was killed in action in southern France on January 25, 1945.

The hour of the service Friday morning at Sts. Peter and Paul church is at 9:30.

The body is to arrive in Seneca accompanied by military escort, by train, at about 11:30 Wednesday morning. It will be taken to the Lauer funeral home, and Rosary services will be held there Wednesday evening at 8:00 and again Thursday evening at 8:00.

On Friday morning the body will be taken from the funeral home to the church with military escort, and after the service at the church, full military honors will be accorded at Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery.

In order that service men of the community may have time to dress before hour of the service and so that they may be sure of having enough time for the complete service, Mayor Gene Toby is asking a full tow hour closing of Seneca places of business. The matter has been discussed at meetings of Seneca Chamber of Commerce directors, who felt the same honor should be given all service men whose bodies are returned and the city was found in full accord. It is little enough to do for those who gave their lives that the American way of life might go on. The business men want a complete closing — no backdoor trade going on. Everyone who possibly can should attend the service. V.F.W. and Legion heads call attention that the same thing applies to the farming community — that though it may be a busy time, the reason that they can follow their peaceful pursuits is because of sacrifices made by such young men as Frank Schafer Jr., and that a few hours in honor will be one way of showing appreciation.

Since the body is to be taken from the Lauer Funeral Home in time for the service at the church at 9:30, Seneca American Legion members and V.F.W. members are being asked to assemble at the funeral home no later than 9:15. They are asked to wear their service uniforms, or V.F.W. or Legion caps.

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## **Fitting Tribute to Sgt. Schafer**

### **Community Pays Honor Friday Morning**

Sgt. Frank M. Schafer, who gave his life in France, was laid to rest in the soil of home Friday morning amid fitting ceremonies in his honor.

At Sts. Peter and Paul church, Rev. Egbert Hall, O.S.B. offered the requiem mass and preceded it wit a sermon in which he called attention to the sacrifice that Sergeant Schafer had made for others. The pastor noted that while mankind ought to be able to settle its

differences in peace, that there have always been enemies of liberty; men who tried to rule without God. Liberty has always been something that must be earned.

The church was filled with relatives and friends, many of them former service men. The body had been accompanied to the church from the Lauer funeral home, by color guard, by a special honor escort as due Sergeant Schafer's rank and a group of former service men marched in procession. It was estimated over 200 ex-service men joined in the tribute. At Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery, a committal service was conducted and Rev. Steve Parker, Legion and V.F.W. chaplain, gave a short review of Sergeant Schafer's service history. A firing squad fired three volleys and "Taps" followed, with Allan Hein playing at the graveside and E.A. Grollmes playing the answering echo.

The day was beautiful and clear at the time of the ceremony. As former service men stood at salute or attention near the grave, the Flag and the banners of Legion and V.F.W. rustled in the breeze, seemed to be taking a part.

Service organizations were pleased with the community's response in closing two hours for the ceremony. Closing of Seneca places of business was virtually one hundred per cent. The active pallbearers Friday were Norbert Bergman, Frank Rusche III, Glenn Rusche, Kenneth Nicholson, Glen Diggs, Justin Altenhofen, Harold Becker, George Luginbill. The honorary pallbearers were William Kokenge Jr. Albert Wessel, Donald Luhmkuhl, Carroll Winterscheidt, Joseph F. Strathman, Quentin Ronnebaum, James Koelzer and Wilbur Kramer.

Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the service included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McEchron and children, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. VanValkenburgh, Manhattan; Mrs. Mary Broxterman and family, Baileyville; Mrs. Anna Runnebaum and family, Axtell; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carlin and children of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Wheaton; Mrs. A. O. Peterson and Miss Louise Lamping, Omaha; Dale, Bob and Harold Lamping, and Don Strohmeyer of Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carlin, Frankfort.



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# Francis Martin “Frank” Schafer

BIRTH	26 Oct 1923 Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
DEATH	25 Jan 1945 (aged 21) France
BURIAL	<a href="#">Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery</a> Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
PLOT	Sec 2 Lot 148 Sp 2
MEMORIAL ID	41604138 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

# John Crawford

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 13, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA

/ TAGS: 11314, 1137

Below is a transcription of the entry for John Crawford in the book, *Descendants of Alexander & Mary McPheeters Crawford*.

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*Crawford, Amanda, Arbogast Forbes and Lucetta Crawford Sammis. **Descendants of Alexander & Mary McPheeters Crawford: Pioneer Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia.** Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 1980. (available on microfiche at Midwest Genealogy Center).*

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John Crawford, son of William and Rachel Sawyers Crawford, born in Augusta County, Va. 27 March 1775; died 17 September 1847 and buried in Buchanan Cemetery, Fayetteville, Tenn. He married (1) in Davidson County, Tenn, 6 Aug 1798 (probably bond), Margaret (Peggy) Buchanan, daughter of Andrew and Joanna Hays Buchanan, born 3 December 1777 and died 14 March 1816. John married (2) 10 October 1816, Elizabeth Norris, born 9 Jun 1788 and died 1856.

1135-JOHN CRAWFORD, son of William and Rachel Sawyers Crawford, born in Augusta County, Va. 27 March 1775; died 17 September 1847 and buried in Buchanan Cemetery, Fayetteville, Tenn. He married (1) in Davidson County, Tenn., 6 August 1798 (probably bond), Margaret (Peggy) Buchanan, daughter of Andrew and Joanna Hays Buchanan, born 3 December 1777 and died 14 March 1816. John married (2) 10 October 1816, Elizabeth Norris, born 9 June 1788 and died 1856. On 1850 census for Lincoln County, Elizabeth is listed as age 44 yrs. and being born in Kentucky. According to land records, John first purchased land in Lincoln County in 1807 and must have been the first of William Crawford's children to settle here. He must have prospered in Tennessee as his will indicates that he had been very generous with his children, especially when you consider that he had 18 children, nine by each marriage.

Note: the marriage of John Crawford and Margaret Buchanan is filed in Davidson County, Tenn., Marriage Bk. 1, p. 36.

The following abstracted copy of will of John Crawford is from a copy in possession of Dr. T.E. Halbert, Lebanon, Tenn., R.F.D. 2, a great-grandson, and found in Tennessee Bible Records--Tombstone Inscriptions by Jeanette Tillatson Acklen, 1933. It is filed in Lincoln County, Tenn.

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John Crawford, of County of Lincoln, State of Tennessee.

His farm and all that pertains to it, his dwelling and in general all his property to wife Elizabeth, sons, John and Ezekial, to have three hundred and two acres land on north side of farm and one hundred and forty acres woodland north side of hilly tract purchased of McConnell estate. Remaining lands, negroes and other property to be divided, sold, as to make each equal share after accounting for advancements. John and Ezekiel, after having each one-third of landed property, to have no more.

Some of older children in Arkansas and some in Tennessee have had sums as follows: Hay (or his heirs, \$809; Wm. D., \$927; James \$434.75; Naomi, \$367; Eleanor, \$403; Rachel, \$228;



Nancy, \$228; Andrew A., \$317.50; Mary, \$270; Margaret,

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\$162; Elizabeth, \$192; which amounts are charged to them on his book of accounts.

If any other children found to have received more than an equitable share shall note be required to refund, John and Ezekiel, after death of wife, two-thirds of lands only.

Proceeds of estate after death of wife equally divided among his following named children: Hay's heirs, William D., James, Naomi, Eleanor, Nancy, Andrew A., Mary, Margaret Elizabeth, Emily, Martha Lucinda and Rachel.

Executors: Alexander McDonald of Fayetteville, William F. Kerchenal, Esq. of Fayetteville, and his son John Crawford.

Dated January 10, 1846

Witnesses: H.C. Marcell, A. S Boone

Copy Test: H. Kelso, Clerk

The following record is found in Lincoln County, Tenn. Chancery Records and copied from Tennessee Records, Vol. IV, pp. 96, 97, compiled by Kathleen Paul Jones and Pauline Jones Gandrud.

*page 227. January 26, 1850*

Elizabeth Crawford. Pleasant Holbert & wife Nancy, John M. Buchanan and wife, Elizabeth, Ezekiel N. Crawford and John Crawford and Emily Crawford, all of age and residents of this county and William Crawford, James Crawford, Isaac Buchanan and wife Naomi, John Buchanan and wife Elanor, Andrew E. Crawford T. Stephenson and wife Margaret all of age and live in the state of "Arkansaw", James A Crawford and wife Rachel, John Clayton and wife Polly, all of age and reside in state of Texas. John Crawford, late of Lincoln County, Tenn. died in 1847 leaving as heirs your complainant (Elizabeth Crawford) and Martha L. Crawford, a minor of Lincoln County, and the children of Hezekiah Crawford, who died in the state of

Arkansas in 1848, the number and names of his children not remembered except one, Andrew Crawford, his only heirs and devisees at law Said John Crawford left a will dated 10 January 1846, naming wife Elizabeth and two sons John and Ezekiel.

Said Elizabeth is now getting old. Said son John has long since married and lives and farms by himself; said son Ezekiel has also married and wishes to remove to the state of Texas. A large number of her children have removed to the states of Arkansas and Texas and several more expect to go and she wishes to go with them. Petition to sell property. (Note: we question 1848 as being date of death of Hezekiah, whom we place as Hays. John Crawford's will refers to heirs of son Hays in 1846.

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John Crawford and his first wife Margaret Buchanan had following children:

11351 – Hays (Hezekiah) Crawford, born 5 January or June 1799; died 14 September 1838, Washington County, Ark.; married 1821 in Tennessee to Susan Harris and had eight children (see later)

11352 – William D. Crawford, born 22 March 1801 in Tennessee; died 1882; buried Prairie Grove Cemetery, Ark. He married Elizabeth Sawyers (or Savage), born 1798 in Virginia; died 1884, Washington County, Ark. We have no record of their children, if any.

11353 James Crawford, born 25 January 1803; died 3 June 1880, Washington County, Ark. and married Louisa Buchanan. (See later)

11354 Naomi Crawford, born 19 April 1805; died 17 June 1888; married 13 September 1827 (marriage license), newspaper account gives date 6 October 1827, Isaac Buchanan. (See later)

11355 Rachel Sawyers Crawford, born 13 December 1806; died 10 August 1879; married 1827 her cousin James A. Crawford, son of Alexander Crawford and Rachel Lesley. They had ten children. See #11314 under William Crawford line for their children.

11356 Eleanor (Ellen) Crawford, born 2 October 1808; died 25 August 1898; married John Buchanan and moved to Arkansas (see later so

11357 Nancy Crawford, born 16 November 1810; married Pleasant Halbert and lived in Tennessee in 1850 (See later)

11358 Andrew Alexander Crawford, born 11 November 1812; died in the Civil War; married (1) Minerva Buchanan; married (2) Rachel Tinnon (See later)

11359 Joanna Crawford, born 12 October 1814, Lincoln County, Tenn.; died 19 October 1828. She is buried in Crawford Cemetery, Fayetteville, Tenn.

By second wife Elizabeth Norris, John Crawford had:

11350 Mary (Polly) Crawford, born 19 July 1817; married John Clayton and living in Texas in 1850. (Ref. to Chancery Petition.)

1135a John Crawford, born 21 November 1818; died 1856, Lincoln County, Tenn. and buried in Crawford Cemetery, Fayetteville, Tenn. He is recorded on 1850 census for Lincoln County, age 30 yr. with wife Sarah, age 23, daughter Adella, age 2 and son John, age 1. In Lincoln County marriages there is record of the marriage of a John Crawford to Sarah Blake, 6 August 1846. The chancery court petition shows John as married in January 1850. We have no further record on this line. (See additional Lincoln County records at end of Wm. Crawford line #1137.)

1135b Elizabeth Crawford, born 3 June 1820; died 4 March 1890; married John M. Buchanan, born 1817; died 1888; buried in Buchanan-McCollum Cemetery, Fayetteville, Tenn. (See Later)

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1135c – Margaret Crawford, born 8 February 1822; married Dr. T. W. Stevenson, 11 April 1844. She died 4 February 1853 and buried in Crawford Cemetery in Fayetteville, Tenn. The

chancery petition shows her husband as living in Arkansas in 1850.

1135d – Ezekial Norris Crawford, born 22 December 1823 or 24. According to chancery petition from children of John Crawford 26 January 1850, he had married and planed to move to Texas. He may be the E. N. Crawford who married Mary J. McElroy, 17 January 1850 in Lincoln County. He does not appear on the 1850 census for Lincoln county. According to Nanetta Parker's research he is listed on the 1880 census for Lincoln County with a wife Elizabeth and four children. Lincoln county marriages show E. N. Crawford marrying Elizabeth Smith, 17 April 1867, marriage performed by rev. Tigert. We have no record of his children. (See additions)

1135e Thomas Middleton Crawford, born 15 October 1825; died 11 June 1845 and buried in Crawford Cemetery in Fayetteville, Tenn.

1135f Emily Euphemia Crawford, born 19 December 1828; died 16 April 1889, in Bell County, Tex. and married 19 February 1850, Allen Parker, born 16 February 1825 in middle Tennessee and died 20 July 1903, Killeen, Tex. (see later)

1135g Jane Columbus Crawford, born 10 December 1829; died 1 August 1840

1135h Martha Lucinda Crawford, born 17 January 1833, died 1912, Coleman, Tex.; married 23 August 1851, Elijah Parker (see Later).

# 1792 Will of William Crawford

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 14, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

/ TAGS: 30318



*Crawford, Amanda, Arbogast Forbes and Lucetta Crawford Sammis. **Descendants of Alexander & Mary McPheeters Crawford: Pioneer Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia.** Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 1980.*

## William Crawford will

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William Crawford of Augusta County and State of Va. being weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & understanding & knowing that it is allotted for all men once to die have thought proper to make this my last will & testament in the manner and form following.

“I bequeath my soul to almighty God from whom it had its being in hopes of a speedy resurrection & my body to the earth to be decently interred according to the direction of my Executors hereafter nominated and appointed.

“It is my will & desire that all my just debts be punctually paid as soon as the nature of my affairs will admit.

“I bequeath unto my loving wife Rachel Crawford her thirds of the first division and house during her natural life likewise the young sorrel mare, saddle & one bed & furniture, with the cattle for support of such of children as remain with her namely five head of milch kine for the said use.

“Item it is my will & desire that she have the use of the house to her herself without any interruption during her life.

“Item it is my will & desire that the first division of my land begin at a black & white oak at the savannah adjoining to Robert Rennock’s land & running a West course so as to run contiguous to the wheat field sowed this fall thence to the top of the mountain & from thence to the middle fording from thence to three Pines at the right hand of the path that leads to the mountain corner the line that Mr. Buckanan run last fall but not finished from thence to where James Elliot & me joins corners, then bearing sixty poles along the top of the mountain the nearest way of the branch within twenty poles of James Elliot’s corner three white oaks & from thence running to a white oak corner to Samuel Gardiners land from thence to a Pine & White oak corner to the said Gardiner from thence to the different courses of the old inclusive Survey to the beginning.

“Item it is my will & desire that my son Alexander Crawford shall have the first division as described after his mothers decease to him his heirs forever & the use of two thirds of the same during her life time & that he shall furnish hls mother with a suitable maintainance for herself & such children as remain with her till they arrive at the age of maturity & to use his best endeavours in giving him George Crawford learning if capable to receive it as far as his capacity will admit.

“Item the second division in the forks of the run the third division formerly Caswells, the fourth division formerly James Wilsons land taking in such lands as are surveyed or located adjoining said division.

“Item it is my will & desire that my three sons namely James Crawford, John Crawford and William Crawford, have the said division

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Divided among them as equally as the nature of the case will admit and each of the above named to have one division to go by seniority the oldest James to have first choice & so on to my son William to them their heirs & assigns forever.

It is my will & desire that all other lands that I am now in possession of or in dispute that may be recovered be sold to the best advantage & the money arising from said sales to be laid out for the purchase of land for my son George Crawford or be given him in money so as to make him equivalent with one of my other sons such part of the money arising from the sales as will answer that end.

“Item it is my will & desire that my daughter Polly Armstron shall have five pounds.

“Item it is my will & desire that Nancy Salman (Talman) have the like sum of five pounds given to her.

“Item it is my will & desire that Jenny Crawford my daughter & Rachel my daughter shall be equally provided for as my other Daughters when married or arrive at the age of twenty one or more if the estate will admit according to the discretion of their Mother and the Executors.

“Item it is my desire that my wife Rachel and son Alexander keep the bed clothing & such part of the household furniture as they shall have occasion for at the appraisement.

“Item it is my desire that the Cooper be continued till he has made up the stuff he has now on had & that all the plank provided for the finishing of the house be kept that the floors may be laid as soon as convenient that partitions may be finished & the house painted.

“Item it is my will & desire that five work horses and waggon & gear be kept on the plantation on which I now reside for the use of my wife Rachel & my son Alexander Crawford & such of the family as shall remain with them.

“Item it is my will & desire that what ready money is in the house may go to the payment of John Moffett, if he threatens to bring suit against the security & the remainder to be made up as soon as the situation of the estate will admit.

“item it is my desire that my son James Crawford have one bay horse commonly called his.

“Item it is my desire that there be an inventory taken of all the property not mentioned by the Executors.

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“I constitute & appoint my loving friends hereafter mentioned to be the Executors of this my last will & testament revoking all former will or wills by me made & this only to remain in full force and virtue. I nominate my loving wife Rachel Crawford first Executrix, John Crawford, Samuel Crawford, & Alexander Craig & Alexander



Crawford my son & that the said Executors shall well & truly perform according to the true intent & meaning of this my last testament as they shall render an account unto Almighty God.

“Signed sealed & delivered this second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Ninety two, in the presence of Joseph Thompson, Hannah Sawyers, Rachel Crawford, Rebecca Sawyers.

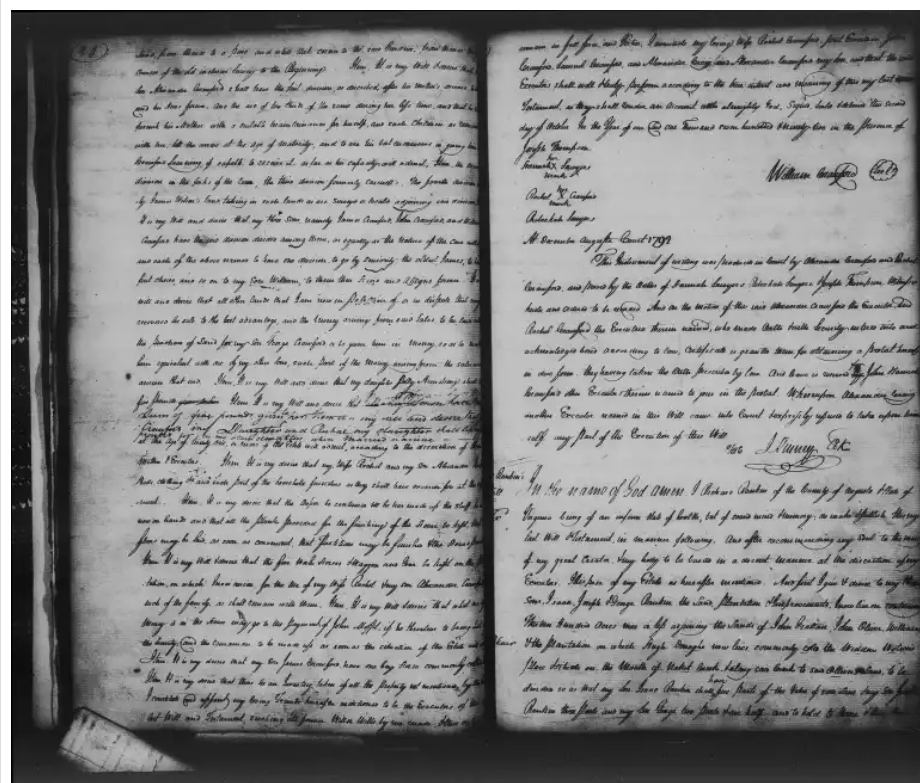
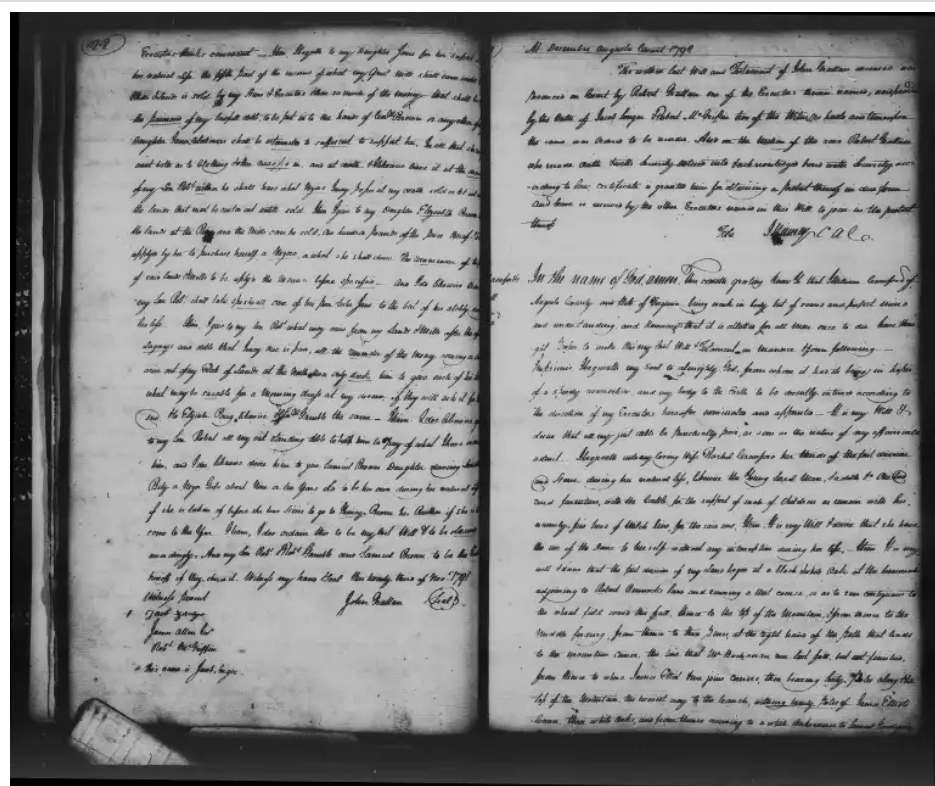
Signed William Crawford (seal)

“At December Augusta Court 1792 – This instrument of writing was produced in Court by Alexander Crawford and Rachel Crawford & proved by the oaths of Hannah Sawyers, Rebecca Sawyers & Joseph Thompson witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And on motion of the said Alexander Crawford, the Executor, Rachel Crawford, the Extrix, therein named, who made oath and with security entered into and acknowledged bond according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form they having taken the oath prescribed by law. And leave is reserved by John & Samuel Crawford other Executors therein named to join in the probat. Whereupon Alexander Craig another executor named int his will came into court & expressly refused to take upon himself any part of the execution of this will.”

This will can be found in the records for Augusta County, Virginia.

” ***Virginia, Augusta County. Will books, 1745-1871; index to wills, 1745-1903. Film #30318 DGS s7643869. William Crawford, 2 October***

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# Friday Finds

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

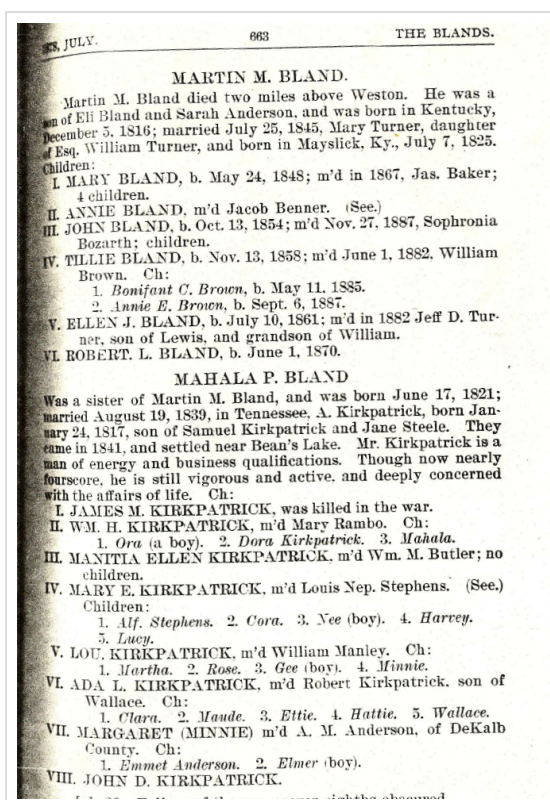
/ DECEMBER 15, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BLAND, MISSOURI

Do you have photocopies from county histories in your files? Have you tried to locate a digitized version of any of those county histories? If you found a digitized version, did you find more information about your family that what you had photocopied?

While I've used lotsof county histories over the years, I have more handwritten notes than photocopies. Even when I have photocopies, it is highly likely that I didn't get everything about my family line copied, especially when considering extended family members. Thus I really appreciate the digital copies of the county histories.

One of the photocopies that I have is from the book, Annals of Platte County, Missouri. While my BURKE ancestors are not in this book, it does contain some information about two of Elizabeth Bland Burke's siblings: Martin M. Bland and Mahala P. Bland



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*The Blands*

*Martin M. Bland*

*Martin M. Bland died two miles above Weston. He was a son of Eli Bland and Sarah Anderson, and was born in Kentucky, December 5, 1816; married July 25, 1845, Mary Turner, daughter of Esq. William Turner, and born in Mayslick, Ky., July 7, 1825.*

*Children:*

*I. Mary Bland, b. May 24, 1848; m'd in 1867, Jas. Baker; 4 children*

*II. Annie Bland m'd Jacob Benner (see)*

*III. John Bland b. Oct 13, 1854; m'd Nov. 27, 1887, Sophronia Bozarth; children*

*IV. Tillie Bland, b. Nov. 13, 1858; m'd June 1, 1882, William Brown. Ch*

*1. Bonifant C. Brown, b. May 11, 1885*

*2. Annie E. Brown, b. Sept 6, 1887*

*V. Ellen J. Bland, b. July 10, 1861; m'd in 1882 Jeff D. Turner, son of*

*Lewis, and grandson of William*

*VI. Robert L. Bland, b. June 1, 1870*

*Mahala P. Bland*

*Was a sister of Martin M. Bland, and was born June 17, 1821; married August 19, 1839, in Tennessee, A. Kirkpatrick, born January 24, 1817, son of Samuel Kirkpatrick and Jane Steele. They came in 1841 and settled near Bean's Lake. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a man of energy and business qualifications. though now nearly fourscore, he is still vigorous and active, and deeply concerned with the affairs of life. Ch.:*

*I. James Kirkpatrick, was killed in the war*

*II. Wm. H. Kirkpatric, m'd Mary Rambo.*

*Ch:*

*1. Ora (a boy)*

*2. Dora Kirkpatrick*

*3. Mahala*

*III. Manitia Ellen Kirkpatrick, m'd Wm. M. Butler; no children*

*IV Mary E. Kirpatrick, m'd Louis Nep. Stephens (See)*

*Children:*

*1. Alf. stephens*

*2. Cora*

*3. Nee (boy)*

*4. Harvey*

*5. Lucy*

*V. Lou Kirkpatrick, m'd William Manley*

*Ch:*

*1. Martha*

*2. Rose*

*3. Gee (Boy)*

*4. Minnie*

*VI. Ada L. Kirkpatrick, m'd Robert Kirkpatrick, son of Wallace*

*Ch:*

*1. Clara*

*2. Maude*

3. *Ettie*

4. *Hattie*

5. *Wallace*

*VII Margaret (Minie) m'd A. M. Anderson, of DeKalb County*

*Ch:*

1. *Emmet Anderson*

2. *Elmer (boy)*

*VIII John D. Kirkpatrick*

*While I only had a photocopy of the BLAND pages, I was able to locate the Benner and Stephens information in the digital version of the book.*

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*The Benners*

*In 1844, Nicholas Benner, a German and his wife, Martha settled at Weston, and still live there. Their children are highly connected, and are as follows:*

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1. *Jacob Benner b. in Weston November 28, 1846; m'd March 1870, Annie Bland, b. Jan. 8, 1850 Ch:*

*a. John*

*b. Louise*

*c. Allie*

*d. Wm*

*II J. W. Benner*

*III Dan'l Benner*

*IV Eliz. Benner m'd Jona Bonnell*

*V Emma Benner m'd Oct. 11, 1877, Oscar B. Mitchell*

*VI Chas Benner m'd Jan. 27, 1885, Annie Rumpel, dr. of William*

*VII. Mary Benner m'd Oct. 24, 1865, Sam'l Risk, son of Elkanah.*

*He served a year in the Southern army.*

*Ch:*

*e. Wm E. Risk*

*f. B.F. Risk*

*g. Emma M*

*h. Mary E*

*VIII. Henry Benner*

*IX Lydia A. Benner m'd Jan. 27, 1880 J. W> Layton*

*Ch.*

*i. Estill*

*j. Claude*

*k. Elvir*

*l. Chas C.*

*m. Chris C.*

*Layton*

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*Margaret Sutton ... married first, Benjamin Hedges*

*Ch:*

*I. Wesley Hedges*

*II. Benjamin*

*III William*

*IV. Martha J., m'd a Harmon*

*V. Mary Virginia Hedges, m'd 1st, a Morgan. After his death, sh m'd 2d,*

*Dec. 28, 1880 William Lewis Stephens, b. near Frankfort, Ky., Sept 12,*

*1822 ... Mr. Stephens first wife was Lucinda Hawkins ... We will first give*



*Mr. Stephens children by his first wife:*

*1. Louis Napoleon Stephens, b. July 24, 1849; m'd July 5, 1871, Mary Kirkpatrick.*

*Ch:*

*(a) William Alfred*

*(b) Cora*

*(c) D. Emmet Stephens*

*(d) Harvey*

*(e) Lucy M.*

*(f) a boy*

page 294 – Alva Graves



*Alva Graves*

*April 5 — Alva Graves having died, N. I. Alexander administered. Bond, \$2,000 He was a cousin of James L. Graves. His sister, Elizabeth Graves married Andrew Lawson, and was mother of Nep. Lawson. After Lawson's death, his widow married Wash. Dyer (see), and still lives in Marshall Township. Alva Graves married in Tennessee, Elizabeth \_\_\_, who survived him. Their children:*

*I. Mississippi Graves m'd Thos. Lipscomb*

*II. Parozetta Graves m'd a Lipscomb*

*III Adelaide Graves*

p. 1063 – The Hornbuckle Family

*Hardin B. Hornbuckle came from Mason County, KY in 1839, and settled three miles west of Platte City. He died in February, 1845. His ch.*



*I. James Hornbuckle (see)*

*II. John Hornbuckle (see)*

*III. Gilbert C. Hornbuckle of Weston*



# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 16, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*The Courier Tribune*

*Nov. 18, 1940*

*page 1*

## First Blanks This Week

### To the Draftees

#### Questionnaires Will Likely Start into the Mails Wednesday

The Nemaha county draft board will send the first federal draft questionnaires to “draftees” this week probably starting with 50 on Wednesday.

The county has a total of 1695 men registered. There has been a great amount of clerical work in handling the registration cards, listing order numbers, preparing “cover sheets” in which each questionnaire will be filed, and now is re-sorting the registration cards and placing them in alphabetical arrangement.

The new draft board has been approved federally. B. E. Stratton is chairman, O. J. Ward is secretary and Loyd J. Cobun is the third member.

First questionnaires go to the men who want to enlist for their year of service, regardless of order number. Also for early handling are the men who have enlisted, as with the national guard and are awaiting call.

Order numbers were assigned recently to registration cards. the county office is now completing a full order number list. The Courier-Tribune will print this list int he next few papers, as space permits, because it is official. A list of the first 500 order numbers was printed before, but was unofficial. Save this list below and watch for succeeding issues:

### Official Order List

- 1 Ivan Harold Bryant We
- 2 Leo John Spielman Ba
- 3 Harvey Elmer Hittle Sa
- 4 William Zery Murphy Ce
- 5 Lawrence Jos. Schmidt Sa
- 6 John Joseph Rilinger Se
- 7 Vernet Harry Randel Co
- 8 James Edward Wilcox Ba
- 9 Archie LeRoy Swogger Be
- 10 Alpha Henry Aberle sa
- 11 Paul Raymond Mathewson Se
- 12 Aloysius Fred Otting Se
- 13 Leslie Gordon Tate Se
- 14 Lee William Henry Sa
- 15 James Oliver McCoy On
- 16 Wilbur James Grimm On
- 17 Earnest Shumaker We
- 18 Bernard J. Dalinghaus Ba
- 19 Donald Charles Wood Sa
- 20 Arthur Louis Becker Se
- 21 Raymond N. Buser We
- 22 Lorenzo Dale Fletchall Sa
- 23 Lee Cochran Ce
- 24 Gilbert C. Ridgway Se
- 25 Herman Jacob Engel We
- 26 Kenneth Sherman Taylor Ba

- 27 Gerald John Wempe Se
- 28 Aloysius August Steinlage Co
- 29 Emil Kenneth Haug Se
- 30 Frederick Henry Keehn Go
- 31 Lloyd W. Frederickson Co
- 32 Albert Francis Olberding Se
- 33 Marion Richard Ford We
- 34 Roland August Surdez Ce
- 35 Alphonse Joseph Holthaus Se
- 36 Cletus John Engelken Se
- 37 Raymond Lenord Sweet Co
- 38 James Patrick O'Toole Ax
- 39 Arthur R Harrter Sa
- 40 Edward John Vogel Be
- 41 Orval Merland Bryant We
- 42 Max Elvin Gutknecht Sa
- 43 James Catlet Kelley Sa
- 44 Anthony Aloysius Deters Ba
- 45 Vernon Nance Kistner Sa
- 46 Louis William Wieggers Se
- 47 Thomas Morse Reed Ci
- 48 Moses Edelman Sa
- 49 Cyril Franics Olberding Ba
- 50 Robert John Haug Ve

There is a change in the first 50 numbers from the unofficial list, No. 45, Vernon Nance Kistner, not having been included in the unofficial listing.

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 17, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**



**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him about your 2023 answers to Linda's 20 questions:**

**A) Linda Stufflebean sent in an update to her “December Meme” from last year. Copy them to your own post and write about them.**

**B) Tell us about them in your own blog post, in a comment on this post, or in a Facebook Status post. Please leave a link on this post if you write your own post.**

**Here are the 20 Questions:**

**1. What is one genea-accomplishment in 2023 of which you are proud?**

I've managed to blog almost daily!

**2. Which (realistic) genea-gift would you most appreciate this year?**

A descendant of Alexander Crawford of Pulaski county, KY following thru with an order for a yDNA test that has been gifted to them.

**3. What item on your not-so-realistic wish list for Santa would you most appreciate this year**

Chromosome browser for Ancestry WITHOUT having to pay a monthly fee.

**4. Have you written any genea-books (with mostly text) to give as holiday gifts?**

Yes, I used an interview with my parents to put together a book of memories. Using Shutterfly, I was able to 'print' this book and give to my siblings, my nieces and my nephew.

**5. Have you created any photo family history books to give as holiday gifts?**

Yes, I've created a scapbook and then used Shutterfly to create a photo book.

**6. What is your favorite holiday main course food?**



While I don't have a favorite, there is a dish that I miss from my childhood: Candied Sweet Potatoes. This is a fairly simple dish to prepare. The sweet potatoes are pre-cooked, sliced, dipped into butter and sugar and then fried.

**7. What is your favorite holiday dessert?**

Pecan Pie

**8. Which food do you eat too much during the holidays?**

Any type of sweet or salty snack.

**9. Share a favorite holiday memory.**

My husband and I used to volunteer as ushers for Candlelight Christmas Eve at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. We volunteered for every service on Christmas Eve but the 11 pm service. While we heard the same sermon several times, the music was different. We would even stay for part of the 11 pm service to hear the youth choir and orchestra lead that worship service. While most churches utilize candlelight at the end of their Christmas eve services, this service is different and hard to describe. However, experiencing this service has had a huge impact on my faith. (video from 2022)

**10. Have you continued any ethnic food or cultural activities that have been passed down through the family?**

If my family had ethnic or cultural traditions, they did not get passed down to my grandparents and thus did not get passed down to me.

**11. Do you prefer warm sunshine or snow on Christmas Day?**

While I love watching a beautiful snowfall, I cannot say that I prefer a white Christmas. This is because much of my family is traveling over Christmas and snowfall can make the highways treacherous.

**12. Did you break through any brick walls in 2023?**

Unfortunately, no.

**13. Do you have a 2023 genea-goal which could have been accomplished, but over which you've procrastinated or from which you've been distracted?**

Yes, I wanted to dig into Virginia records for my CRAWFORD line, but did not get that accomplished.

**14. Have you ever gone holiday caroling?**

While I likely did this in high school, I do not remember caroling.

**15. Do you have any favorite holiday decorations?**

I have the nativity set handed down from my grandparents to my parents.

**16. Who is the singer you most enjoy listening to during the holiday season?**

OK, your asking this question of someone who has over 1000 Christmas related songs in iTunes. Some of my favorite Christmas songs and artists include

- A Hallelujah Christmas by Cloverton
- O Holy Night by Chris Tomlin
- Little Drummer Boy by for King + Country
- Adore by Chris Tomlin

**17. Have there been any Christmas Day calamities that you remember?**

One Christmas, we had broiled steak for supper on Christmas Eve. My dad forgot to turn the oven setting back to bake after cooking the steak. Thus, when the turkey was placed in the oven early on Christmas morning, it was broiled instead of baked.

**18. If Santa invited you to hitch a ride in his sleigh, where would you like him to drop you off?**

If it meant that I could do some genealogy research, I'd pick Salt Lake, Fort Wayne or even Danville, Kentucky. However, Christmas day is not a day for research. Thus, I'm content to stay in Kansas.

**19. If you had to choose right this minute – which ancestor would you most like to meet? Choose an ancestor about whom you've researched in 2023.**

James Crawford of Garrard County Kentucky and Preble County, Ohio.

**20. Share one of your 2024 genealogy goals.**

My 2024 goals are still just ideas at this point, but one of them will likely be researching Alexander Crawford of Pulaski County, Kentucky and his descendants.

# Samuel Crawford

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 18, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: AUGUSTA COUNTY, CRAWFORD, MCPHEETERS, VIRGINIA

/ TAGS: 30318, 30415

I'm sure you've heard the saying, "all roads lead to Rome." In terms of my Crawford family research, it seems like right or wrong, 'all Crawford trees lead to Alexander, David or Col. William'. For my Crawfords in early Kentucky, many trees try to connect the Kentucky Crawford families to the Augusta county, Virginia family of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford.

When I first started researching my Crawford line, I tried to do the same thing — to connect my line to Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford. However, I encountered a book, *Descendants of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford*, which helped me to realize that Alexander is NOT my ancestor.

However, there are two lines in the Crawford R1b group that have Alexander Crawford in their trees. Unfortunately, there is another yDNA test with Alexander in their tree. This time, it is in the R1a group. The two tests in the R1b group go thru Alexander's son William. The test in the R1a group goes thru Alexander's son Samuel. Thus, DNA is indicating that either the William trees or the Samuel tree have the wrong parent for William or Samuel.

The *Descendants of Alexander Crawford* book includes a lot of information about William's family but very little about Samuel. Since the book was written over 200 years after Alexander's death, the book may not be correct. To compound the problem, the area of Augusta County, Virginia is 'home' to several Crawford lines, with James, John, William and even Alexander being common names in each line. Thus, it would have been challenging to identify Alexander's descendants.

And that is still the challenge today. Using the sources cited in the book, it was possible to document the family structure for William. The two trees going thru William agree with the book. When it comes to the Samuel tree, the sources in the book identify a son named William while the yDNA tree goes thru a son named Thomas. In addition, the book identifies Samuel's wife as Elizabeth Craig while the yDNA tree identifies her as Elizabeth Bradley.

Below is a report for the family of Samuel Crawford using the sources in the book, Descendants of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford.

” ***Samuel Crawford*** was born in 1759 in Augusta County, Virginia.

*He chose Samuel McPheeters as his guardian on 17 Mar 1773 .*

*He was witness to the marriage license for William Jameson and Margaret Craig. on 2 May 1789 in Augusta County, Virginia.*

*He obtained a marriage license to marry Elizabeth Craig on 9 Oct 1790 in Augusta County, Virginia.*

*He married Elizabeth Craig on 12 Oct 1790 in Augusta County, Virginia.*

*In Mar 1792, Samuel was sued by Henry Miller for debt on a 1788 note in Augusta County, Virginia.*

*Before 1795, a child named William Crawford was born.*

*He died before 1795 at the age of 36.*

*He signed a will on 14 Feb 1795 in Augusta County, Virginia.*

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The book is found in several larger genealogy libraries, but a digital version is not currently available. Check out WorldCat for a list of libraries.





# Purple Heart

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 19, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART

## Cyril Nolte

*Courier Tribune*

*10 May 1943*

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### ***With the Armed Forces***

*Mr. and Mrs. Alois Nolte's two sons in military service and furloughs at the same time. Cpl. Sylvester Nolte is in Battery K, 89th C.A. (AA), Gen Del, Washington, D.C. Cpl. Cyril Nolte is in Camp Barkeley, Texas.*

*Courier Tribune*

*10 Jul 1944*

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### ***Cpl. Cyril Nolte Injured***

*Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nolte received a letter last week from the war department informing them their son, Cpl. Cyril Nolte was seriously injured in action in France and that he is in a hospital in England. A reporter was unable to contact the Nolte family today to get any further information.*

Courier Tribune

14 Sep 1944

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*When the history of World War No. 2 is published, it will undoubtedly record the heroism of the 90th division that landed in France on June 6th and fought the enemy desperately in Normandy. Just recently the boys have been permitted to send home a New York Times article telling of desperate battle. For a long time, their location was unknown to the outside world and the division fought on without recognition. Sergeant Henry J. Hunninghake of Baileyville, lost his life in a Normandy engagement. Others believed to have fought in the same division but not the same company are: Sgt. Wilfred E. (Emmett) Johnson, Sgt. Alvin Koch, wounded and in the Winter General hospital, Topeka; Sgt. Albert Rilinger, Cpl. Cyril Nolte, also wounded; Sgt. Lawrence B. Wessel, recently reported wounded and Pfc. Samuel Robbins.*

Courier Tribune

5 Oct 1944

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### ***Memorial Mass Oct 9 for Sgt. Cyril Nolte***

*Sgt. Cyril Nolte, 34, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nolte, Seneca, will be honored with a Memorial Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Monday, Oct. 9, at nine o'clock in the morning. Sgt. Nolte was reported killed in action, Sept. 8 somewhere in France. No further word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Nolte regarding their son's death.*



## ***His Life for His Country***

### ***Cyril P. Nolte Dead***

*Cpl. Nolte Killed in France Sept. 8*

*Mass in His Honor, Oct. 11*

*Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nolte received word yesterday from the War Department that their eldest son, Corporal Cyril P. Nolte, was killed in action Sept. 8, somewhere in France. A Memorial Mass will be said in Cpl. Nolte's honor at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Seneca, next Monday morning, Oct. 11, at nine o'clock.*

*War has again taken its toll, and another Seneca young man has given his all for home and country on the battlefields of France. Cyril Nolte, 34 years old, had been in service two and on-half years and overseas just six months. He was a member of an infantry division, one of the first to enter France during the invasion period. Cyril received a flesh wound in his leg Jun 11 and was hospitalized for a time but had returned to action several weeks ago. His parents heard from him regularly after the injury but had received no mail the last three weeks.*

*Before entering service, Cpl. Nolte was employed on farms in Iowa. Besides his parents, he is survived by four sisters and three brothers. They are Mrs. Charles Niekamp and Mrs. Leo Fager, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. Vincent Wessel, Summerfield; Charles and Edward Nolte of Iowa; Sgt. Sylvester Nolte, Camp Butner, N.C. and Regis and Virginia of the home.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Nolte expect to receive more information regarding their son's death. They have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.*



## ***Memorial for Cpl. Nolte Held This Morning***

*Sts Peter and Paul church has three gold stars on its service flag; first for Francis Kokenge, next for Raymond Woltkamp and now for Cyril Nolte. The requiem mass for Cpl. Cyril P. Nolte, U.S. Army, 34, who lost his life in action in France, Sept. 8, was held at nine o'clock this morning, Oct. 9, in Sts. Peter and Paul church. His pastor, Rev. Matthew Hall, O.S.B., said the mass and Rev. Basil Finken, O.S.B., assistant pastor, gave the sermon. Rev. Cyril Bayer, O.S.B., St. Mary's church, St. Benedict, and Rev. H.H. Grosdidier, Sacred Heart church, Baileyville, were in the sanctuary. The flag draped bier rested before the altar.*

*Corporal Nolte's photograph, in the vestibule, was wreathed in flowers. The four priests recited the Commitment service. Ed. R. Levick, legionnaire, on behalf of the Government, presented the American flag to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nolte. The Catholic high school chorus sang "Your Land and My Land."*


*Among the color bearers were three service men, home on leaves: Clayton Huerter, Gerald Wempe of the U.S. Army and Ensign Edgar Boeding of the U.S. Navy. Sergeant Sylvester Nolte, Camp Bragg, N.C. Came to be with his parents and attend the memorial service. A firing squad from Earle W. Taylor Post, American Legion, fired the salute of three guns and Sammy Armstrong blew taps.*

*Cyril P. Nolte was born Feb. 21, 1910 at the family home four miles from Seneca. He was wounded June 11 in the leg, hospitalized for a time, returning to the service. He wrote regularly thereafter, until three weeks preceding report of his death. He is survived by his parent, four sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Chas. Niekamp and Mrs. Leo Fager, Mexico, Mo., Mrs. Vincent Wessel, Summerfield; Charles and Edward Nolte of Iowa; Sgt. Sylvester Nolte, Camp Bragg and Regis and Virginia of the home.*

*Cpl. Nolte was a member of the infantry. He had been in service two and*

*one-half years and overseas six months. Before he went into service, he was employed on farms in Iowa.*

According to Find A Grave, Sgt. Cyril P. Nolte was buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial in Lorraine, France. His death date is given as 18 September 1944.



**Sgt Cyril P. Nolte**

**BIRTH** 21 Feb 1910  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA


**DEATH** 18 Sep 1944 (aged 34)  
France

**BURIAL** [Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial](#)  
Saint-Avoid, Departement de la Moselle, Lorraine, France

**PLOT** Plot A Row 24 Grave 9

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Cyril P. Nolte  
Sergeant, U.S. Army  
Service # 37190487  
357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division  
Entered the Service from: Kansas  
Died: 18-Sep-44  
Buried at: Plot A Row 24 Grave 9  
Lorraine American Cemetery  
St. Avold, France  
Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

Centograph memorial is in Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas.  
[Cyril Nolte](#)

According to the US Army Divisions site, the 90th Infantry Division was participating in the siege of Metz at the time of Nolte's death.

**Division Chronicle**

The 90th Infantry Division landed in England, 5 April 1944, and trained from 10 April to 4 June. First elements of the Division saw action on Dday, 6 June, on Utah Beach, Normandy, the remainder entering combat, 10 June, cutting across the Merderet River to take Pont l'Abbe in heavy fighting. After defensive action along the Douve, the Division attacked to clear the Foret de Mont Castre, clearing it by 11 July, in spite of fierce resistance. An attack on the island of Seves failing, 23 July, the 90th bypassed it and took Periers, 27 July. On 12 August, the Division drove across the Sarthe River, north and east of Le Mans, and took part in the closing of the Falaise Gap, taking Chambois, 19 August. It then raced across France, through Verdun, 6 September, to participate in the siege of Metz, 14 September - 19 November, capturing Maizieres les Metz, 30 October, and crossing the Moselle at Koenigsmacker, 9 November. On. 6 December 1944, the Division pushed across the Saar and established a bridgehead north of Saarlautern, 618 December, but with the outbreak of the Von Rundstedt drive, withdrew to the west bank on 19 December, and went on the defensive until 5 January 1945, when it shifted to the scene of the Ardennes struggle. It drove across the Our, near Oberhausen, 29 January, to establish and expand a bridgehead. In February, the Division smashed through Siegfried fortifications to the Prum River. After a short rest, the 90th continued across the Moselle to take Mainz, 22 March, and crossed the Rhine, the Main, and the Werra in rapid succession. Pursuit continued to the Czech border, 18 April 1945, and into the Sudeten hills. The Division was en route to Prague when the war in Europe ended.

## US Army Divisions – 90th Infantry Division

# Another Chase

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 20, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BLAND, DEEDS, KENTUCKY

I recently wrote about a ‘chase’ to locate a newspaper clipping shared on Ancestry in order to identify the source of the clipping. Well, the hints for Eli Bland, one of my 4th great grandfathers, turned up a story that is a transcription of a deed. The deed in question is an 1823 deed from Monroe County, Kentucky.

## Ely Bland and wife, Sally Sarah Anderson Bland 1823 Monroe County Ky

Posted May 22, 2020 by [REDACTED]

MONROSCOUNTY KENTUCKY.

DEEDS Contributed by: James M Simmons Glasgow, Ky 42141 MONROECO, KY Recorded 23 May 1823 This Indenture made this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and JOHN BENNETT & JANE his wife, of the County of Monroe and State of Kentucky of the one part &

MOSES KIRKPATRICK of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, V7 itnesseth that the above bonded ELY BLAND & wife and JOHN

BENNETT

& v ife hath this day granted barg\* dands old and by these presents do grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said MOSES KIRKPATRICK one tractor parcel of land containing 68 acres bethesamemore or l on the said ELY BLAND did live and with his line N10W20 polesto a Spanchoak and from wood in the line of said JOHN BENNETT and with his line S85E32 polesto a beech and sugar tree in the line of DAVI PORTERS and with his line S25E21 polesto an Elm & Sugar-tree corner, thence with another of his lines N86W37 polesto the Beginning-

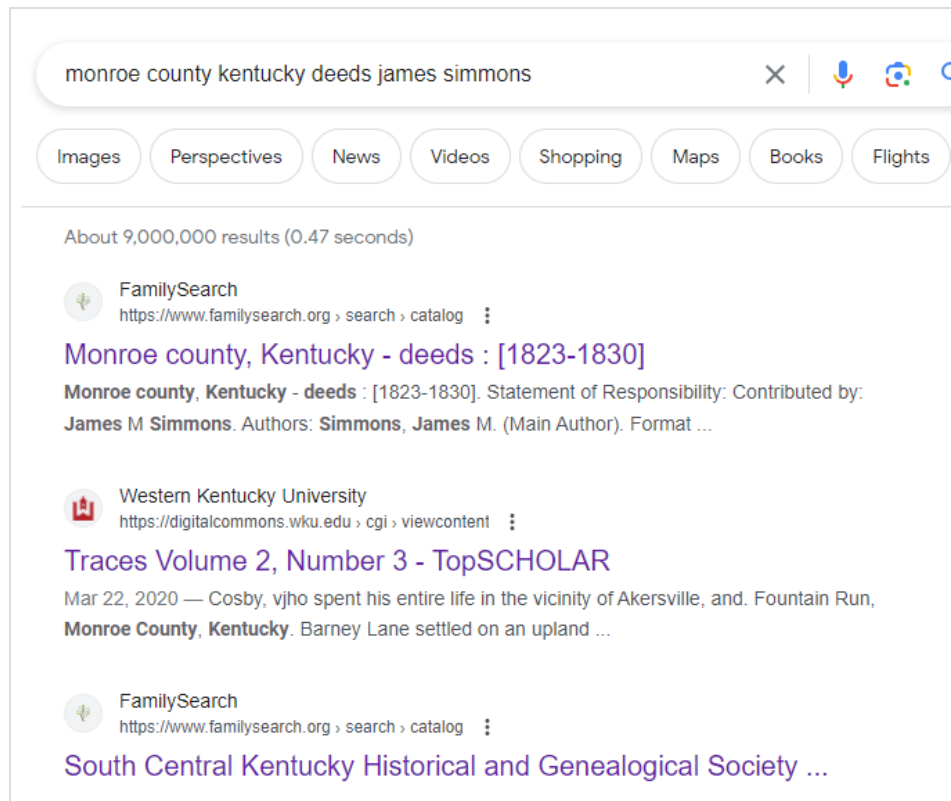
Also one other tractor parcel of land containing One hundred acres bethesamemore or less lying and being in the said County and State. Beginning on a Beech and sugar tree on the bank of Ma-shacks Creek (The waters of Cumberland River) on the north side running N10E98 polesto a beech and two sugar trees, thence N80W174 polesto a black oak and hickory thence S10W174 polesto the beg which two tracts of land wethesaid ELY BLAND

& wife & JOHN BENNETT & v ife do warrant and defend from our Heirs & cunto MOSES KIRKPATRICK his heirs and assigns forever from the best claim or claims of all person or persons V7 hatsoever. In Atitness whereof five Acknowledg

Not only do I want to locate this record, but I’d like to locate other deeds from this area and time period for my Crawford research. Unfortunately, the FamilySearch catalog does not have any land records for Monroe County in the 1820s. Even my old trusty ‘Handybook’ indicates that land records for Monroe county, Kentucky begin in 1863. Thus, I wanted to learn more about this deed transcription in hopes of locating the original records.

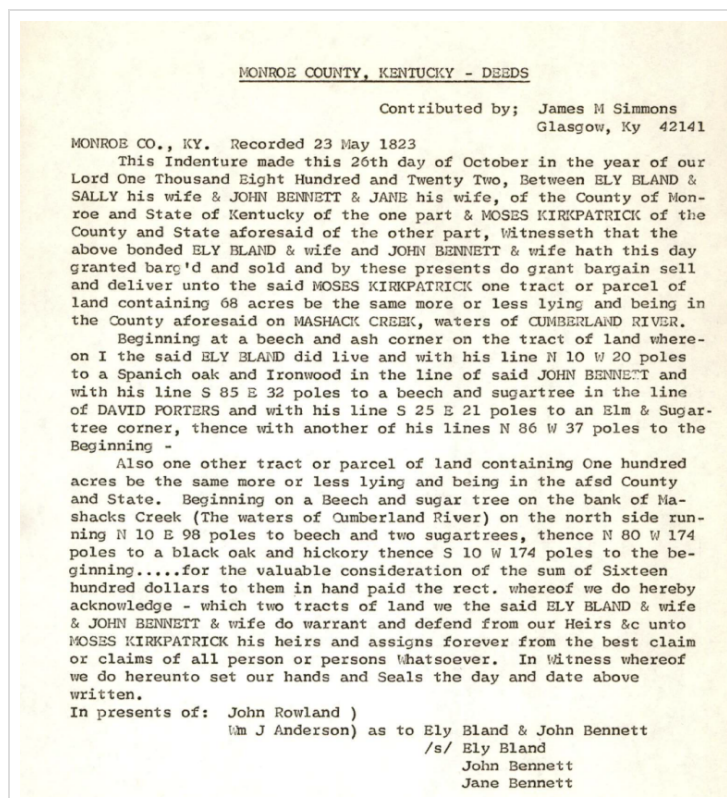
A Google search for “Monroe County Kentucky Deeds James Simmons” turned up several items including some on the FamilySearch site





The FamilySearch links took me to issues of the publication of the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society. Unfortunately, a copyright restriction prevents viewing the document.

The Western Kentucky University link surprisingly provided access to the full text of the publication.



Simmons James M., “Monroe County, Kentucky — Deeds: Ely Bland deed,” Traces, South Central Kentucky Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 2 (October 1974); online document, Western Kentucky University, Top Scholar (digitalcommons.wku.edu : viewed online 7 December 2023), page 15.

While I haven't located the original deed, this transcription indicates that the deed existed around 1974. Thanks to the Western Kentucky University site, I know that the South Central Kentucky Genealogical Society changed its name in 2016 to Barren County Historical Society.

Thus, I am contacting the following societies to see if they have the early Monroe county deeds.

- Barren County Historical Society on Facebook or possibly at PO Box 157 Glasgow, KY 42142
- South Central Kentucky Cultural Center via email or at 200 West Water Street Glasgow, KY 42141
- Monroe County Historical and Genealogical Society on Facebook or at 200 North Main Street, Suite J., Tompkinsville, KY 42167

If I can't locate the deeds in the local records, I will expand my search to the Kentucky Historical Society, and the university archives. Wish me luck.

# Burke Court Record

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 21, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BURKE, TENNESSEE

Have you encountered a court record that identifies multiple generations of descendants? Several years ago, I accepted an Ancestry ‘story’ hint for Henry Burke. This “story” was a transcription of a Jackson county, Tennessee court document identifying the descendants of John Burke. When I finally took the time to compare the information in the court record to what I have in my file, I found that I have people in my file that are not mentioned in the court transcript. I also found some discrepancy with the FamilySearch tree. This court case connects my 2nd great grandmother Angelina Jane Burke to her grandfather. I am very thankful it was shared on Ancestry!

I’ve added the FamilySearch id and the RIN number from my genealogy file to help me keep track of these descendants.



*Tennessee Courts (Jackson County)*

*Court Transcripts of the county, chancery and circuit courts, 1839-1915*

*FS DGS 7642359*

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*Burke John G & Others vs Brooks R. V. & Others*

*Chancery 1884*

*Image 852*

*Transcription of the Original Complaint dated July 28, 1884*

*in the suit John G. Burke et al. vs. R. V. Brooks et al. Chancery Court of*

*Jackson County, Tennessee*

*Prepared by Robin Rankin Willis*

*12 March 2009*

*Transcribed from original document preserved on TSLA Microfilm, Jackson Co., TN Roll No. 53, folder titled "Burke John G. & others vs Brooks R. V. & others, Chancery 1884." Xerox copy made from FHL Film # 985,278.*

*"To William G. Crowley, Chancellor, holding the chancery Court at Gainsboro, Tennessee:*

*The Bill of Complaint of John G. Burke, Leonidas Darwin, William H. Darwin, Hiram C. Darwin, George C. Darwin, Mary A. Suite, Elizabeth Kelly & her husband Miles Kelly, Mary Carter & her husband William Carter, Milton E. Burke, John M. Burke, Sarah E. Hornbuckle & her husband Hornbuckle, Angelina McCarry & her husband \_\_\_\_\_ McCarry, Elizabeth Padgett & her husband James Padgett, Ella Buhler & her husband Alexander Buhler, Adda Bettis & her husband William Bettis, Lucy Moore, Parazidia Lipscomb & her husband \_\_\_\_\_ Lipscomb, Permelia Lipscomb & her husband \_\_\_\_\_ Lipscomb, William L. Burke, John P. Burke, Franklin P. Burke, James P. Burke, Uhley Woollard & her husband Henry Woollard, Sally B. Burke, Francis M. Burke, Franklin P. Burke Sr., Elizabeth Simpson & her husband Thomas D. Simpson, W\_\_\_\_\_ P. Hopkins, M\_\_\_\_\_ B. Hopkins, John O. Hopkins, M\_\_\_\_\_ E. Hopkins & her husband Sydney Hopkins, Andrew L. Hopkins, Mary Ann Hopkins, Nannie B. Hopkins, John Anderson, Juda Anderson & her husband \_\_\_\_\_ Gibson?, Henry Burke, Jno R. Burke, Thomas Burke, Elizabeth Parker & Marion Burke, complainants*

*Against*

R. V. Brooks, personally, and as

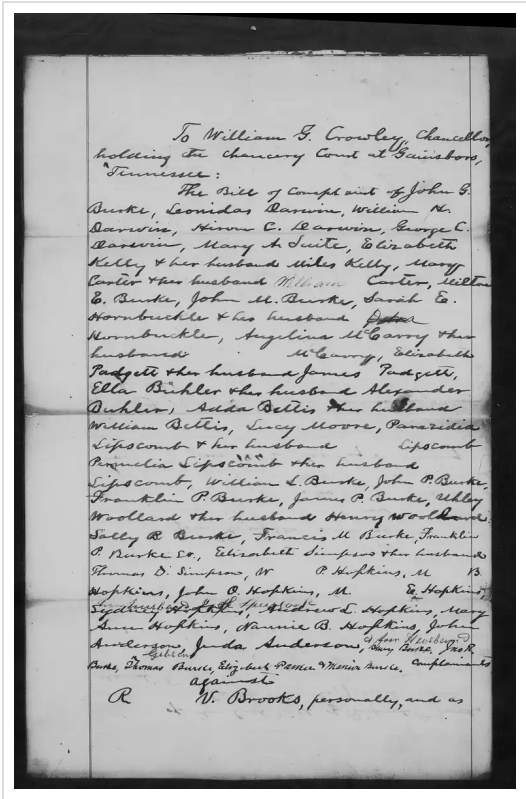


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Executor of the last will of Richard P. Brooks, deceased, Caleb Roberts,  
Josiah Roberts, Meredith Brown, & Asa  
Denson,

of Jackson County, Tennessee,

and Matilda Long & her husband Lane (?)

Long of the State of  
Kentucky,

*Defts.*

*Your complainants, aforesaid, complaining, state that they are **heirs at law of John Burke** who died intestate in Jackson County, Tennessee where **he resided about the year 1842**, leaving surviving him a **widow named Jane Burke** and the children whose names follow to wit: Henry F. , John G. , Polly , Permelia , William C. , James W. , Esom L. , Francis M. , Parazidia , Franklin P. , Elisabeth , Elvira , America , Matilda (not one of two Matildas listed as child of John Burke on the FS tree), Jonas & Jane Burke , his only heirs at law.*

*Richard P. Brooks was appointed and acted as administrator of his personal estate and he has lately died and deft R. V. Brooks is his Executor appointed less than two years & six months ago. There are no debts against the estate of said John Burke.*

*Said John Burke the common ancestor of complainants, at his death owned several valuable*

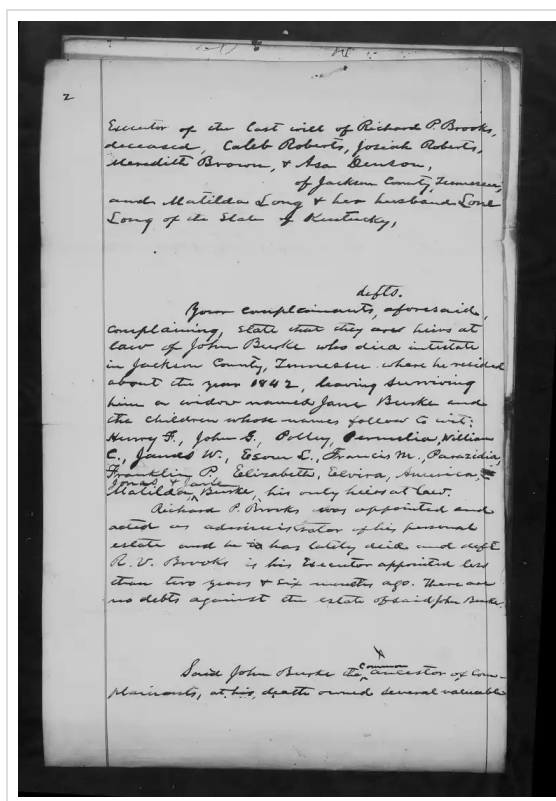


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tracts of land lying in Jackson County, Tennessee, on one of which he resided at the time of his death, and about 200 acres of it, the homestead, was duly allotted and assigned by the Circuit Court of said County to his said widow as her dower, and a decree of said court duly entered to that effect, and she took possession of it as such and resided on it for a considerable time and until she conveyed it or transferred it in some way as such dower and estate for her life to said Richard P. Brooks who went into possession of and held it as such during her natural life, which terminated on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1881, less than seven years before the filing of this bill; and it has been less than seven years since the right of action of the heirs of John Burke dec'd accrued for said dower land.

Said dower tract lies on the Cumberland River on the south side of it and is bounded North by Cumberland River, East by the lands of Joshua Haile



*Jr., South by the lands of R. A. Cox & Hoover and West by*

*and lies in White's Bend of said river. The lines cannot now be given by  
complots but reference is to be had to the lines of said dower as laid off by  
the Court,*

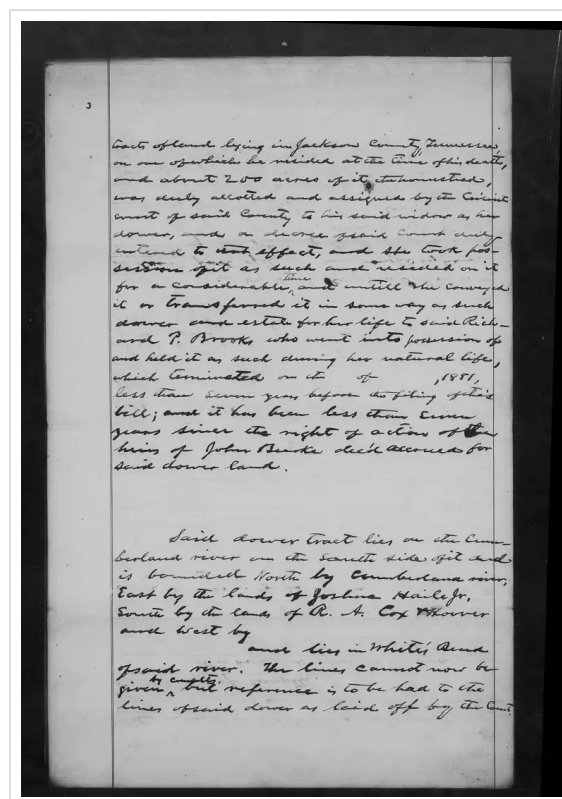


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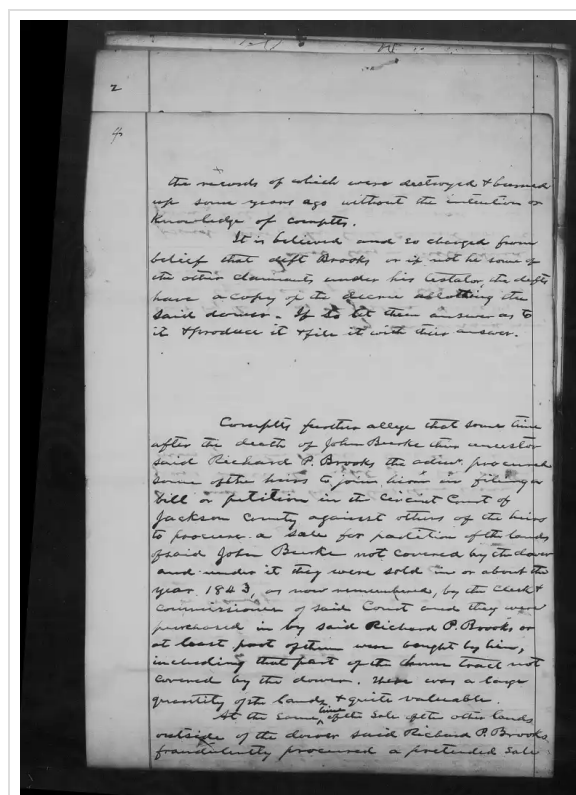
*the records of which were destroyed & burned up some years ago without  
the intention or knowledge of complts.*

*It is believed and so charged from belief that deft Brooks or if not he some  
of the other claimants under his testator the defts have a copy of the*

*decree allotting the said dower. If so let them answer as to it & produce it & file it with their answer.*

*Complts further allege that some time after the death of John Burke their ancestor said Richard P. Brooks the admr procured some of the heirs to join him in filing a bill or petition in the Circuit Court of Jackson County against others of the heirs to procure a sale or partition of the lands of said John Burke not covered by the dower and under it they were sold in or about the year 1843, as now remembered, by the clerk & commissioners of said Court and they were purchased in by said Richard P. Brooks or at least part of them were bought by him, including that part of the home tract not covered by the dower. There was a large quantity of the lands & quite valuable.*

*At the same time of the sale of the other lands outside of the dower said Richard P. Brooks fraudulently procured a pretended sale*



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*of the remainder in the land covered by said dower allotted to the widow, and pretended to purchase it in himself at the grossly inadequate price of three hundred dollars, or thereabout, although there was no application in the bill or petition to the court for a sale of it and under the law the court had no jurisdiction to sell it – the widow being then living.*

*The Heirs were all then young and most of them, including several of complts & their ancestors, under 21 years of age, and all ignorant in matters of law and conveyancing etc, and all relied on and confided in said Brooks, the admr., who was a shrewd person, versed in such matters, and, afterward, if not then, a lawyer.*

*They objected at the time of the sale, in the presence & hearing of said Brooks & others there to the sale of the dower land, and contended that there was no application to sell it; but, Brooks fraudulently & wrongfully went on and had it sold & bought it in, over their objections, and, as they now believe, & so charge, for the purpose of cheating the heirs out of it; for, among other badges of fraud, he afterward admitted to friends, at times, that he had no title to it, and that it was really the rightful property of the said heirs.*

*He, soon after this sale, purchased of the widow her life estate in dower and took possession*

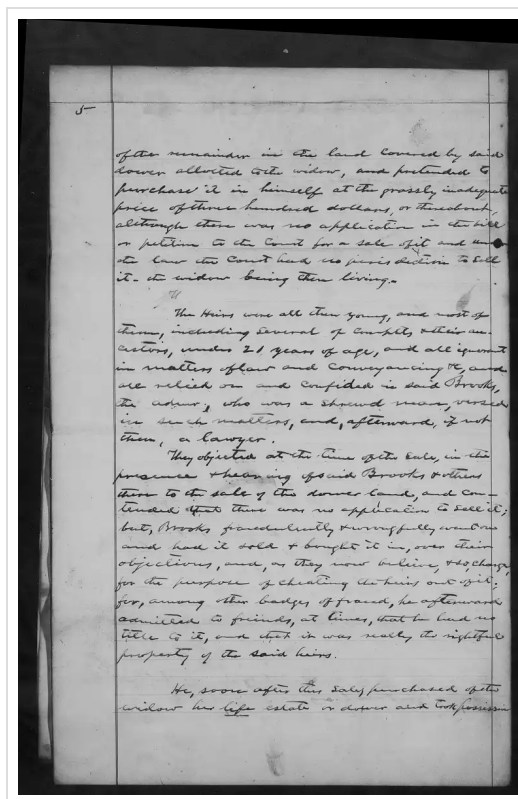


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” of it as such, and held it up to her death, & to his own death about two years past, acknowledging the rights of the heirs to the remainder.

Complts charge that during the time said R. P. Brooks so held and occupied said land, he committed and permitted great waste and injury to it, and to the injury & damage of the heirs, by permitting it to dilapidate, by bad cultivation and husbandry of himself & tenants, by taking down & removing the fences & houses, etc., from it to his other lands; by cutting down & removing & deadining (?) & destroying the valuable timbers of which there was much; by destroying and permitting to be destroyed & injured the valuable orchards, to the damage of the heirs to large amounts. He also took the rents & profits of said land to large amounts, after the death of the widow, to which the heirs were entitled. And the other defts R. V. Brooks, Caleb Roberts, Josiah Roberts, Meredith Brown & Asa Denson have continued all these wrongs since, to the damage of the heirs. But the amounts of the rents & damages for which each or any of

*them is liable cannot be stated or ascertained without an accounti thereof; it being a matter of complicated account, fit, & fit only, to be ascertained by a court of chancery, and not fit or considerable in a court*

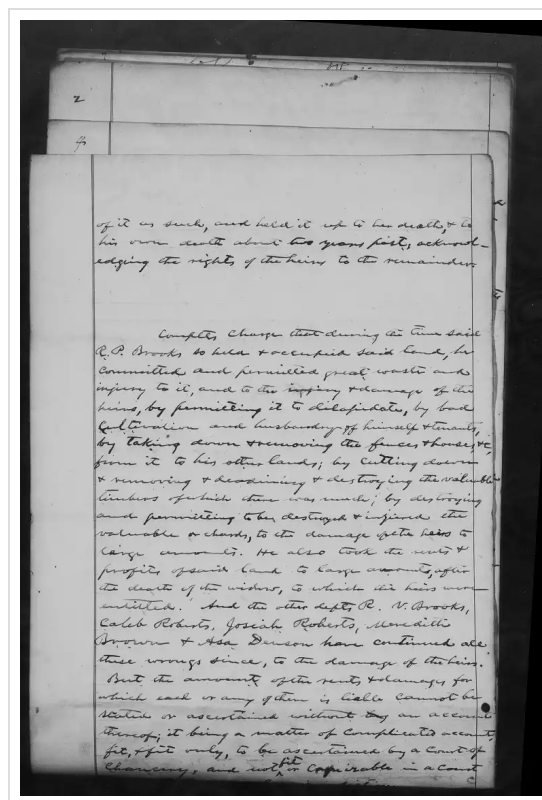


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” *They all claim under the title of John Burke the common ancestor of complts whose title papers are supposed to be in possession of deft Brooks, or if they are not they are so unintentionally lost or mislaid or destroyed that complts cannot find them & that the registration of them is also so unintentionally destroyed.*

*Said R. V. Brooks, Caleb Roberts, Nathan Roberts, Josiah Roberts, Meredith Brown & Asa Denson are the present occupants of said land, and*

claim it wrongfully, and refuse to give it up or, surrender the possession of it to the heirs of said John Burke, dec'd, or pay the rents & damages; though the heirs have duly demanded the same of them, and said rents and damages, with the interest thereon, are due and unpaid to the heirs. Your complainants are informed & believe, and, so, charge, that Richard P. Brooks did not pay any thing for the said remainder interest in the land covered by said dower; and, therefore, he is not entitled in any event to any reimbursement. Yet, if it turn out that any of the heirs did in fact get any part of its proceeds, they are, respectively, willing to refund it & do justice, upon the land being surrendered or decreed to be given up to them; and they have offered this to the present occupants. But they refuse, as aforesaid, to surrender & pay. So, complts must sue for their rights.

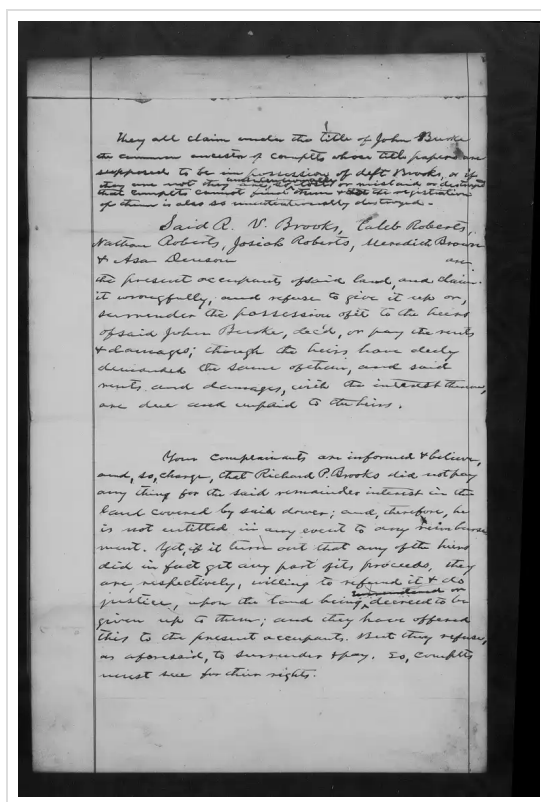


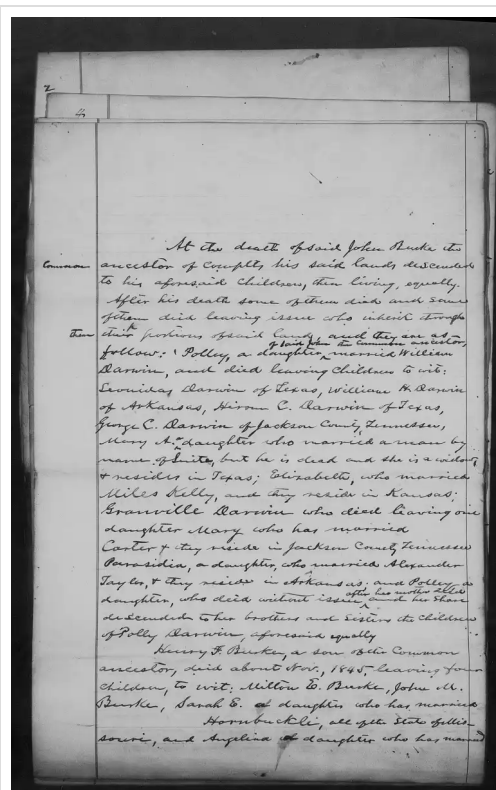
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*At the death of said **John Burke {RIN10238}** the ancestor of his said lands descended to his aforesaid children, then living, equally. After his death some of them died and some of them died leaving issue who inherit through them portions of said lands, and they are as follow: **Polly, a daughter {RIN10240}** of said John the common ancestor, married William Darwin {RIN10252}, and died leaving children to wit: Leonidas Darwin {RIN 10253} of Texas, William H. Darwin {RIN 10254} of Arkansas, Hiram C. Darwin ] {RIN 10255} of Texas, George C. Darwin {RIN 10256} of Jackson County, Tennessee, Mary A {RIN 10257} a daughter who married a man by a name of , but he is dead and she is a widow & resides in Texas; Elizabeth {RIN 10258}, who married Miles Kelly, and they reside in Kansas, Granville Darwin {RIN 10259} who died leaving one daughter Mary {RIN 10264} who has married Carter & they reside in Jackson County, Tennessee Parasidia {RIN 10260} a daughter, who married Alexander Taylor & they reside in Arkansas and Polly {RIN 10261} a daughter who died without issue after her mother died and her share descended to her brothers and sisters the children of Polly Darwin, aforesaid equally.*

***Henry F. Burke {RIN 518}**, a son of the Common ancestor, died about Nov. 1845 leaving four children, to wit: Milton E. Burke {RIN 556}, John M. Burke {RIN 559}, Sarah E. {RIN 557} a daughter who has married \_ Hornbuckle, all of the state of Missouri and Angelina {RIN 516}, a daughter who has married*





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— MCary who reside in Kansas

**Parasidia, {RIN 10241}** a daughter of the common ancestor, married W. W. (probably William Washington Moore {10267} and not Slone) and afterward died intestate leaving the following children, to wit: Elisabeth, a daughter, who has married James Pudgett of Wilson County, Tennessee; Ella, a daughter who has married Alexander Buhler of Wilson County, Tennessee; Adda, a daughter who has married William Bellis of Wilson County, Tennessee & Lucy Moore, a daughter of Wilson County, Tennessee;

**Permelia {RIN10269}**, a daughter of the common ancestor, married Alva Graves, and they are both dead leaving two children, daughter, to wit, Parasidia {RIN 10271}, who married Lipscomb, and Permelia {RIN 10272}, who married Lipscomb, all of the state of Missouri.

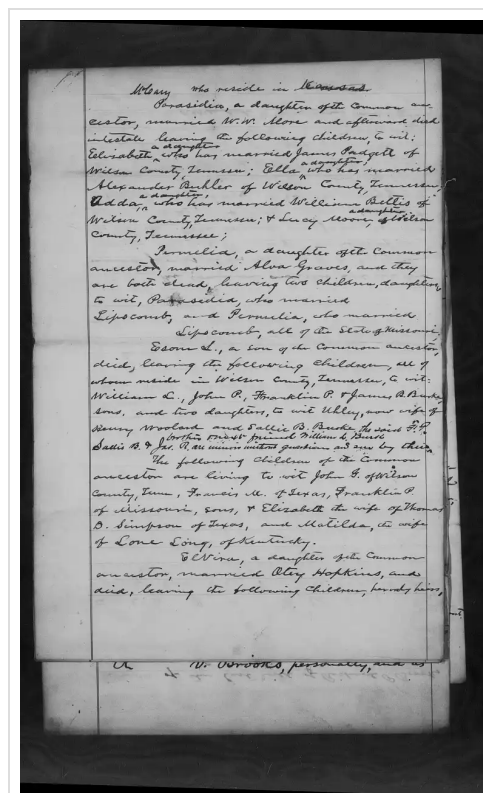
**Esom S {RIN10242}**, a son of the common ancestor died leaving the following children, all of whom reside in Wilson County, Tennessee, to



wit: William L. {RIN 10275}, John P. {RIN 10276}, Franklin P. {RIN 10277} & James B Burke {RIN 10278} sons and two daughters, to wit Uhley {RIN 11895}, now wife of Henry Wooland and Sallie B. Burke {RIN 10280}, the said F. P. Sallie B. & Jas. R are without guardians and by the

The following children of the common ancestor are living to wit **John G {RIN 10243}** of Wilson County, Tenn, of Texas, **Franklin P. {RIN 10244}** of Missouri, sons & **Elizabeth {RIN 10246}** the wife of Thomas D. Simpson of Texas, and **Matilda {RIN 10247}**, the wife of Lone Long , of Kentucky.

*Elvira {RIN 10248}, a daughter of the common ancestor, married Otey Hopkins and died, leaving the following children, heirs*



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to wit: W. P. M D , John O. , M E. , Sydney , Andrew L. , Nannie B. , &  
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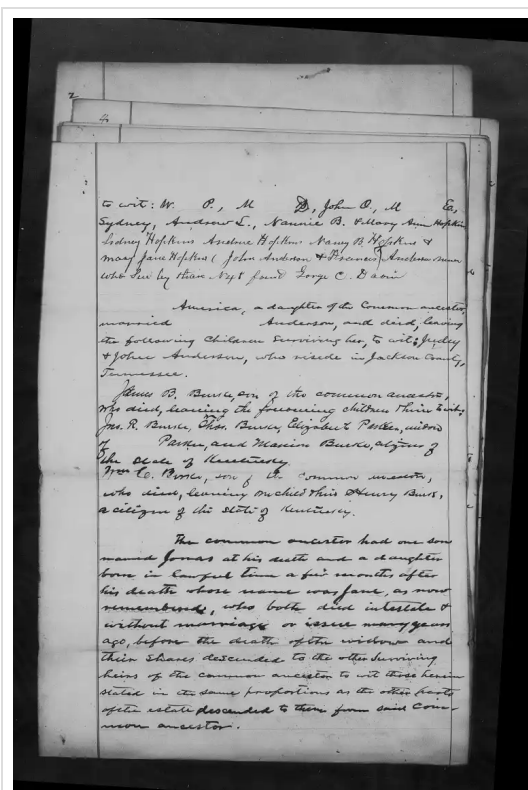
*Hopkins & Mary Jane Hopkins (John Anderson & Frances) Anderson who by those next found George C. Darwin*

***America, a daughter of the common ancestor {RIN 10249},***  
*married \_ Anderson, and died, leaving the following children surviving her, to wit: Judy & John Anderson, who reside in Jackson County, Tennessee.*

***James B. Burke {RIN 10250},*** *son of the common ancestor, who died, leaving the following children therein to wit: Jno R. Burke {RIN 10296}, Thos. Burke {RIN 10297}, Elizabeth Parker {RIN 10298}, widow of \_ Parker and Marion Burke {RIN10299}, citizen of the state of Kentucky.*

***Wm. C. Burke {RIN 10251},*** *son of the common ancestor, who died leaving one child thus Henry Burk, a citizen of the state of Kentucky.*

*The common ancestor had one son named **Jonas {RIN 10302}** at his death and a daughter born in lawful time a few months after his death whose name was **Jane {RIN 10303}**, as now remembered, who both died intestate & without marriage or issue many years ago, before the death of the widow and their shares descended to the other surviving heirs of the common ancestor to wit those herein seated in the same proportions as the other parts of the estate descended to them from said common ancestor.*



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Your compts further state that the said land for is not susceptible of partitions among the owners of it owing to the number of owners being so great, for want of timber & water and being bounded & by adjacent owners lands and by the natural obstructions so that roads & ways for ingress & egress could not be had to & from it by reason of all which & perhaps other good reasons the value could be such diminished so that it is not susceptible of such partition in kind without manifest injury to the owners and it would be manifestly to the interest & advantage of the owners that the lands be sold and the proceed partitioned among them.

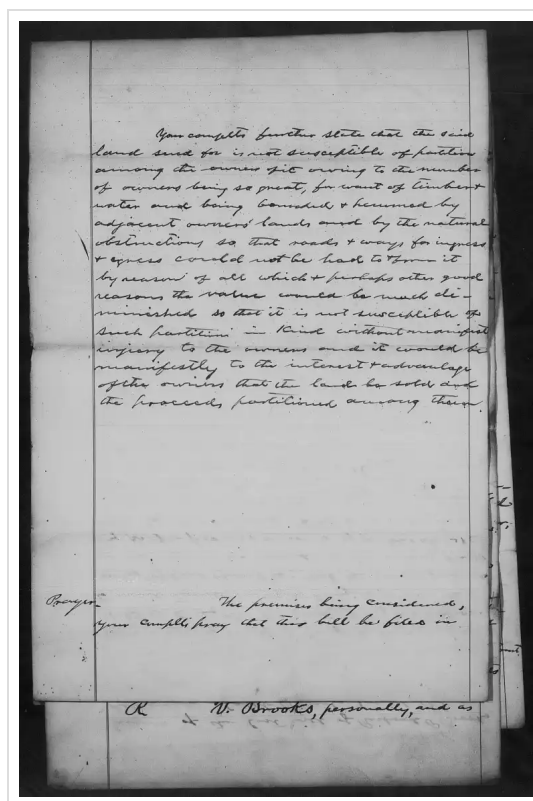


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” said court, on behalf of the complets and of said Matilda Long & Her husband, if they shall choose to avail themselves of its benefits under the rules of law & practice; that the persons named in the cap as defendants be made such by proper process & orders of publication &c that they be compelled to answer fully but not on oath; that they answer as to the said of the deceased & other title papers aforesaid and fiel them with their answers if they have them that from hearing decrees be entered declaring the rights & title of complt & wife and settling up their title to be completes into said lands and vesting the same in them according to their several rights and that they be put in possession thereof; that the defts in possession & claiming the lands be held liable for the rents, waste & damages of the lands with interest therein that deft R. V. Brooks as Executor of the will of said Richard P. Brooks, deceased and the estate of said Richard P. Brooks be held liable also for the same; that all proper & Necessary accounts thereof be taken and reports made and all proper & necessary decrees entered to declare & enforce the rights of said heirs or if

*complots have mistaken their relief that such other or further relief be granted them as may seem right & lawful.*

*As the rental is quite valuable and some of the defendants not solvent complots pray that a receiver be appointed to rent out the lands*

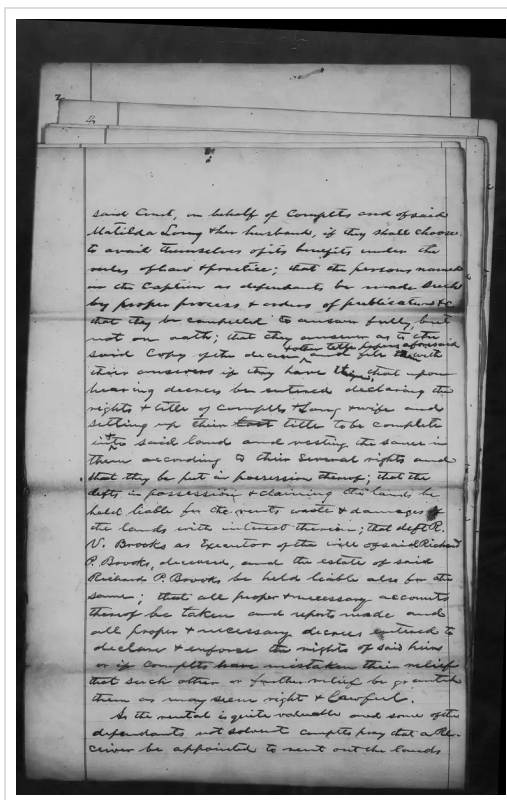


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*and secure the rents pending the litigation and such orders made & proceedins h as may be necessary & proper.*

*Complots also pray that defts be enjoined from committing further waste or damage to the lands.*

*This is the first application for an injunction in this matter.*

*A. A. Swope / Solors for complots*

*D. A.*

*State of Tennessee*

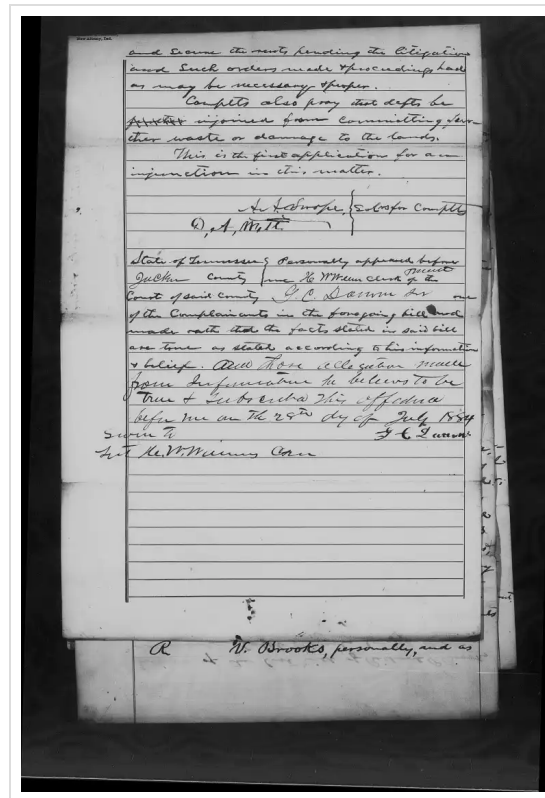
*Jackson County*

*Personally appeared before me H W clerk of the court of said county G. C. Darwin Jr one of the complainants in the foregoing bill and made oath that the facts stated in said bill are true as stated according to his information & belief. And those allegation made from information he believes to be true & subscribed his before me on the 28th day of July 1884*

*G. C. Darwin*

*Swort to*

*W Williams Clrk*



Below are images of a descendency report from my genealogy file. Names highlighted in yellow are named in the court document.

## Descendants of John Burke

Yellow highlight – mentioned in court [document](#)

Red highlight – not mentioned in court [document](#)

### 1-John Burke (LRY8-LK7)

b: about 1783, Virginia

d: 1842, Jackson, Tennessee, United States

### +Ann Elizabeth Graves (L6HD-248)

b: 1786, Halifax, Halifax, Virginia, United States

m: Virginia, United States

d: 1831, War Trace Creek, Jackson County, Tennessee

### ..... 2-Henry F. Burke (L2C9-Q3F)

b: 30 April 1811

d: 30 October 1845, Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States

### ..... +Elizabeth Ann Bland (L2C9-3KK)

b: 25 December 1813

m: 22 October 1835, Monroe, Kentucky, United States

d: before February 1865, Platte, Missouri, United States

### ..... 3-Angelina Jane Burke (KH9-K8C)

b: 30 October 1836, Kentucky, United States

d: 26 March 1901, Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States

### ..... +Hiram M. Currey (K8RB-JFN)

b: 13 August 1835, Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, United States

m: 3 August 1856, Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States

d: 2 March 1901, Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States

### ..... 3-Milton E. Burke (MC55-6DM)

b: 2 February 1838, Tennessee, United States

d: 11 June 1919, Miami, Kansas, United States

### ..... 3-Sarah E. Burke (L2C9-ZV5)

b: 25 July 1839, Missouri, United States

d: 30 December 1933, Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States

### ..... +Gilbert (Guilford) C. Hornbuckle (L2C9-Z5Y)

b: 3 December 1838

m: 12 February 1861, Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States

d: 25 May 1903, Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States

### ..... 3-Panella A. Burke (MC55-6X)

b: 15 July 1841, Missouri, United States

d: before 1884

### ..... 4-Davis Burke (MC55-6XJ)

b: about 1859, Missouri, United States

### ..... 3-John Martin Burke (MC55-6D4)

b: 30 April 1844, Missouri, United States

d: 24 March 1886, Cherokee, Kansas, United States

### ..... +Emma E. Spiva (LBNC-DCI)

b: May 1854, Missouri, United States

m: 15 February 1876, Madison, Missouri, United States

d: 1941

### ..... 2-Mary Ann Polly Burke (L44X-2MG)

b: 1813, Tennessee, United States

d: 1872

### ..... +William Darwin (KHSQ-CBG)

b: about 1805, Tennessee, United States

d: before 1860

### ..... 3-Sally Pryan Darwin (L84Z-3WP)

d: before 1884

### ..... 3-John Granville Darwin (LHPF-5K3)

b: about 1837, Tennessee, United States

d: 1864

### ..... 4-Mary Darwin

### ..... 3-Leonidas Darwin (L56W-6M4)

b: about 1838, Tennessee, United States

d: 1933

### ..... +Sarah Elizabeth Thomas (K6HT-VHW)

b: 25 March 1850, Whitewright, Grayson, Texas, United States

d: 11 June 1937, Whitewright, Grayson, Texas, United States

### ..... 3-Mary Ann Darwin (MTLD-XSQ)

b: 3 February 1839, Jackson, Tennessee, United States

d: 7 October 1904, Windom, Fannin, Texas, United States

### ..... +Dempsey Hillman Suite (LXQX-V15)

d: before 1884

### ..... 3-William Harrison Darwin (LHPF-SXF)

b: 20 March 1841, Jackson, Tennessee, United States

d: 22 February 1925, Polk, Arkansas, United States

### ..... +Julia Alcarene Haile (L87P-YKH)

b: 20 January 1843, Flynn, Lick, Jackson, Tennessee, United States

d: 19 August 1906, Polk, Arkansas, United States



..... 3- **George Chapman Darwin (L75M-SWF)**  
 b: 13 March 1843, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 11 October 1907, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... +**Harriet E Haile (L7TT-27F)**  
 b: 25 January 1848, Flynn's Lick, Jackson, Tennessee  
 d: 30 March 1933, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Elizabeth Darwin (MTLD-XT7)**  
 b: about 1845, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 1933  
 ..... +**Miles Kelly**  
 ..... 3- **Hiram Clay Darwin (LH2Y-PBV)**  
 b: 10 March 1846, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 22 September 1916, Bonham, Fannin, Texas, United States  
 ..... +**Margaret Ann Fox (L7FN-X9X)**  
 b: 20 November 1851, Flyons Lick, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 1 May 1919, Bonham, Fannin, Texas, United States  
 ..... 3- **Parasidia Darwin (KC52-38W)**  
 b: 1 June 1850, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 9 March 1920, Hempstead, Arkansas, United States  
 ..... +**Alexander Taylor**  
 ..... 2- **Permelia Burke (LZGY-Q4H)**  
 b: 1815  
 d: before 1846  
 ..... +**Alva Graves (9CC3-1JN)**  
 d: before April 1860  
 ..... 3- **Mississippi Graves (LKW3-FYB)**  
 b: 31 July 1835, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 22 July 1878, Platte, Missouri, United States  
 ..... +**Thomas Lipscomb (KP72-QHX)**  
 b: 8 June 1835, Campbell, Kentucky, United States  
 d: 18 November 1891, Platte, Missouri, United States  
 ..... 3- **Pariseta Malinda Graves (9K8M-98D)**  
 b: 13 September 1840, Missouri, United States  
 d: 3 March 1902  
 ..... +**Joseph Lipscomb (KLXW-91Z)**  
 b: September 1837, Kentucky, United States  
 d: 30 March 1877, Pagnyville, Bates, Missouri, United States  
 ..... 3- **Permelia Adaline Graves (LTGP-Q47)**  
 b: about 1844, Missouri, United States  
 ..... +**Lipscomb**  
 ..... 2- **John Graves Burke (9H9F-Q28)**  
 b: November 1818  
 d: 1904  
 ..... +**Lucy M Moore (LWDM-YD3)**  
 b: October 1828, Tennessee, United States  
 m: 31 December 1846, Davidson, Tennessee, United States  
 .. .. 2- **William Carrol Burke**  
 b: 1819

..... +**Hannah**  
 b: about 1816, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **John Burke**  
 b: about 1839, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **William Burke**  
 b: about 1843, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Robert Burke**  
 b: about 1846, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Sarah Burke**  
 b: about 1849, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Johns Burke**  
 b: about 1853, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Henry Burke**  
 b: about 1859, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 2- **James W Burke (LCZC-8XC)**  
 b: 14 April 1822, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 10 September 1876  
 ..... +**Matilda Richmond**  
 b: about 1822, Tennessee, United States  
 m: 24 January 1838  
 ..... 3- **Elizabeth Burke**  
 b: 1841, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 23 January 1919, Warren, Kentucky, United States  
 ..... +**Parker**  
 ..... 3- **John R. Burke (9KBF-XTV)**  
 b: February 1841, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 31 August 1918, Barren, Kentucky, United States  
 ..... +**Elizabeth Conklin**  
 b: October 1846, Kentucky, United States  
 m: 28 May 1864, Bowling Green, Warren, Kentucky, United States  
 d: 28 August 1913, Smiths Grove, Warren, Kentucky, United States  
 ..... 3- **Thos Henry Burke (27C7-5XR)**  
 b: 23 January 1843, Gainesboro, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 23 January 1939, Norwood, Wright, Missouri, United States  
 ..... +**Melissa Burdilla Burns (LRMT-ZWG)**  
 b: 22 January 1848, Macon, Tennessee  
 d: 12 November 1915, Douglas, Missouri, United States  
 ..... 3- **James Marion Burke (278F-F14)**  
 b: May 1848, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... +**Nancy Ann**  
 b: May 1852, Kentucky, United States  
 ..... +**Lilla**  
 b: about 1869, Illinois, United States  
 ..... 3- **Mary Burke**  
 b: about 1849, Tennessee, United States  
 ..... 3- **Benjamin Burke (9K8E-X9D)**  
 b: 11 March 1856, Gainesboro, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
 d: 15 November 1940, Adams, Nebraska, United States



.....+Josephine "Josie" Tally (LRMT-8HX)  
b: 12 February 1859, Kentucky, United States  
d: 18 November 1919, Oklahoma, United States  
.....2-**Esom Logan Burke (LC3N-F7B)**  
b: 3 May 1822, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
d: 18 April 1877, Wilson, Tennessee, United States  
.....+**Harriet Munday**  
b: 1832  
m: 23 March 1859, Wilson, Tennessee, United States  
d: 1891  
.....3-**Sallie B. Burke**  
.....3-**William Logan Burke (LWM4-T7M)**  
b: 1860  
d: 1899  
.....3-**John P. Burke**  
b: about 1862, Tennessee, United States  
.....3-**Sarah Eula Burke (MTLD-XXC)**  
b: 1863  
d: 1944  
.....+**Henry Woolard**  
.....3-**James R Burke**  
b: 1866  
d: 1955  
.....3-**Franklin P. Burke (MTLD-XXM)**  
b: 1873, Tennessee, United States  
.....2-**Paradisla Burke (LRP7-ROP)**  
b: 1824, Tennessee, United States  
d: before 1884  
.....+**William W. Moore (LRP7-LBY)** – identified as **W W Slone** in transcription  
b: about 1824, Virginia, United States  
.....3-**Elisabeth Moore**  
b: about 1847, Tennessee, United States  
.....3-**James Moore**  
b: about 1849, Tennessee, United States  
.....3-**Lucy T**  
b: about 1854, Virginia, United States  
.....3-**Mary C Moore**  
b: about 1856, Virginia, United States  
.....3-**Parissa A Moore**  
b: about 1858, Virginia, United States  
.....3-**Moore**  
b: about 1859, Virginia, United States  
.....+**J. W. Beattie**  
m: 24 November 1881, Wilson, Tennessee, United States  
.....3-**James Marion Burke (LJ4V-S9H)**  
b: 28 September 1826, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
d: 1 December 1912, Aubrey, Denton, Texas, United States  
.....+**Sarah H Sheppard**

b: 1827, Alabama, United States  
m: 1850  
d: 1879  
.....+**Amanda Ellen Moran (KVKV-VN1)**  
b: August 1853, Iowa, United States  
m: 1879  
d: 1934  
.....2-**Franklin Parrott Burke (LZ1V-ZZW)**  
b: 12 September 1828, Tennessee, United States  
d: 18 February 1923, Winslow, DeKalb, Missouri, United States  
.....+**Celia L. McMahan**  
m: 30 December 1847, De Kalb, Missouri, United States  
.....+**Sarah A. McMahan**  
m: 26 November 1849, De Kalb, Missouri, United States  
.....+**Catherine Keener (LCY2-JZX)**  
b: 30 March 1834, Tunnelton, Indiana, Pennsylvania, United States  
m: 2 October 1851, De Kalb, Missouri, United States  
d: 11 January 1907, Winslow, DeKalb, Missouri, United States  
.....2-**Elizabeth Nancy Burke (L44X-LJT)**  
b: 1835  
.....+**Thomas D. Simpson (93X4-4C7)**  
b: about 1826, Tennessee, United States  
+**Jane D Basham (LZXP-L2P)**  
m: 23 September 1835, Jackson, Tennessee, United States  
... ..2-**Jonas T Burke (L174-M1D)**  
b: 1837  
d: 1866  
.....2-**Elvira Leonidas Burke**  
b: 1838  
d: 1873  
.....+**Otey Hopkins**  
.....3-**W. P. Hopkins**  
.....3-**M. D. Hopkins**  
.....3-**John O. Hopkins**  
.....3-**M. E. Hopkins**  
.....3-**Sydney Hopkins**  
.....3-**Andrew L. Hopkins**  
.....3-**Nannie B. Hopkins**  
.....3-**Mary Ann Hopkins**  
.....2-**America Ornealo Burke (9H9F-Q67)**  
b: 1840  
d: before 1884  
.....+ \_\_\_\_\_ **Anderson**  
.....3-**Judey Anderson**  
.....3-**John Anderson**  
.....2-**Matilda Burke (GF3L-XZR)**  
b: 1841  
.....+**Bennett Robert "Lone" Long (KF5J-6NJ)**

.....2-**Meta Jane Burke**  
b: 1841

# Friday Find

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 22, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BLAND, BURKE, MISSOURI

While working with a BURKE court case, I started digging around in my Burke and BLAND files and uncovered photocopies of pages from the book, Platte County, Missouri Records 1839-1849. While it is likely that I missed some members of my Burke / Bland fan club, my photocopies place several members of these families in Platte County, Missouri prior to 1850.

## 1839 Platte County Tax List

- Henry F. Burk
- Several ANDERSONs – while I haven't researched these Andersons, they likely should be in my Burke/Bland fan club since Henry F. Burk's wife was a daughter of Sarah Susan Anderson.

1839 PLATTE COUNTY TAX LIST		
A	James A. Anthony	William Bane
	Cromwell Ashby	Milton Brown
	Samuel Ausbin	John Bryant
	David Allen	D. G. Beauchamp
	Solomon Allen	Isaac Blanton
	Isaac Allen	Martin Baldwin
	Jeremiah Atkins	M. Byram
	Samuel Adamson	Henry Bradley
	Thomas Adams	John B. Bounds
	Levi Adamson	Joseph Baker
	Joseph Alfry	Henry Butts
	Thomas Atterbury	William Bell
	James Atterbury	Edward Bedford
	Larken Adamson	Martin T. Berry
	Robert Allen	Jackson Butts
	Allen Ashley	Henry F. Burk
	Reuben Arnold	Joseph Britian
	Thomas M. Aull	Lewis W. Bell
	Isaac Archer	William Baley
	Jesse R. Allen	Caleb Baley
	Robert Anderson	Philip Bolwar
	Samuel Allen	Wesley Baker
	Thomas Allen	Cyrus Barnes
	Jacob Anderson	Sidney Brooks
	William Anderson	Perry Bales
	Joel Albright	Sampson Butler
	William B. Allman	Lossen Baker
	Starling Ashworth	David Bell
	David D. Ashworth	Thomas Beegle
	Bethel Allen	James Beegle
	Moses Allen	William Beegle
	James Arter	Henry Brail
	Joseph Atkins	Green H. Barnes
	David Anderson	R. P. Beauchamp
	James Anderson	Randal Baber
	John Artman	David Brown
	John Allen	John Baber
	William Asher	Isham Baber
	Williamson Atterbury	David Bruton, Senior
	Jacob Adamson	John Belieur
	George W. Anderson	Micajah Belieur
	W. B. Aldman	James Burnes
	Nathaniel Boilston	Henry Boilston
		John Burge
		William Bane
		Jackson Baits
		Andrew Baker
		John R. Buchanan
		John Brown
		Calvin Brown
		Harrison Brown
		G. W. Brunett
		James Brooks
		Gotham Brown
		John Bigham
		James W. Bigham
		Elisha Barnes
		David Best
		William Best
		Moses Barnes
		Felix C. Bush
		Eliam Brown
		Abner Bayarth
		John Bane
		Chiles Bennett
		Delania Boland
		William Boland
		Benjamin Boland
		Ezekiel Blanton
		Henry Barker
		William D. Bulard
		Lewis Burnes
		Elias Barker
		John Barker
		William Bennett
		Micajah Brown
		John Brink
		Martin Buff
		Carr Baley
		Michael Bird
		Samuel Brown
		John E. Brown
		Jordan Baber
		William Bird
		Andrew Brown
		Stephen Bedwell
		Richard Bickerstaff
		Thomas Blankenship
		William Banta
		Sylvester Blankenship

## 1847 Platte County Tax List

- Burk Elizabeth – wife of Henry Burke who died in 1845

Beery Peter	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	0	0	35	0.445	0.515	0.960
Byrd George	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.375	0.375	0.750
Burk Elizabeth	0	1	400	3	0	8	1	0	110	0	0	510	1.020	2.040	3.060
Barnett W. B.	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	0	350	15	3.905	7.435	11.340
Baldwin Wm	1	3	1000	2	0	2	0	0	90	150	0	1240	2.855	5.335	8.190
Brunts J.	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	75	0	0	75	0.150	0.300	0.450

## 1849 Platte County Tax List

- Wm P Bland – with 10 taxable property – likely brother of Elizabeth (Bland) Burke
- M. M. Bland – with 2146 taxable property – likely brother of Elizabeth (Bland) Burke
- Elizabeth Burk – with 305 taxable property
- Alfred Kirkpatrick – with 639 taxable property – likely husband of Elizabeth (Bland) Burke's sister, Mahala P. Bland

Bell Thompson W.	1	1	600	140	0	0	740	1.850	2.590	4.450
Boten James	1	0	0	36	0	0	36	0.445	0.480	0.920
Brady Benjamin	0	2	600	150	1000	0	1750	3.500	5.250	8.750
Bland Wm P.	1	0	0	10	0	0	10	0.395	0.405	0.800
Bowen J. C.	1	0	0	150	0	0	150	0.675	0.825	1.500
Best David	1	0	0	40	0	0	40	0.455	0.495	0.950

Bigham John	1	0	0	202	140	0	342	1.055	1.390	2.450
Billings Bird	1	0	0	96	0	0	96	0.565	0.660	1.225
Brady W. R.	1	0	0	12	0	0	12	0.395	0.405	0.800
Bland M. M.	1	7	2050	96	0	0	2146	4.665	0.810	11.475
Bollinger Jacob	1	0	0	129	0	0	129	0.635	0.765	1.400
Bollinger Sebastien	1	0	0	45	0	0	45	0.465	0.510	0.975
Bracehear Levi	1	2	650	40	0	0	690	1.755	2.445	4.200

Kincaid Wyatt	1	0	0	57	0	0	57	0.500	0.570	1.070
Kidd Andrew P.	1	0	0	78	0	0	78	0.535	0.615	1.150
Kirkpatrick Alfred	1	1	500	139	0	0	639	1.655	2.295	3.950
Kitchen Weston	1	3	1500	178	0	0	1678	3.735	5.410	9.150
Kinney Rob't	1	0	0	65	0	0	65	0.505	0.570	1.075
Keller G. W. R.	1	3	750	156	0	0	906	2.185	3.090	5.275

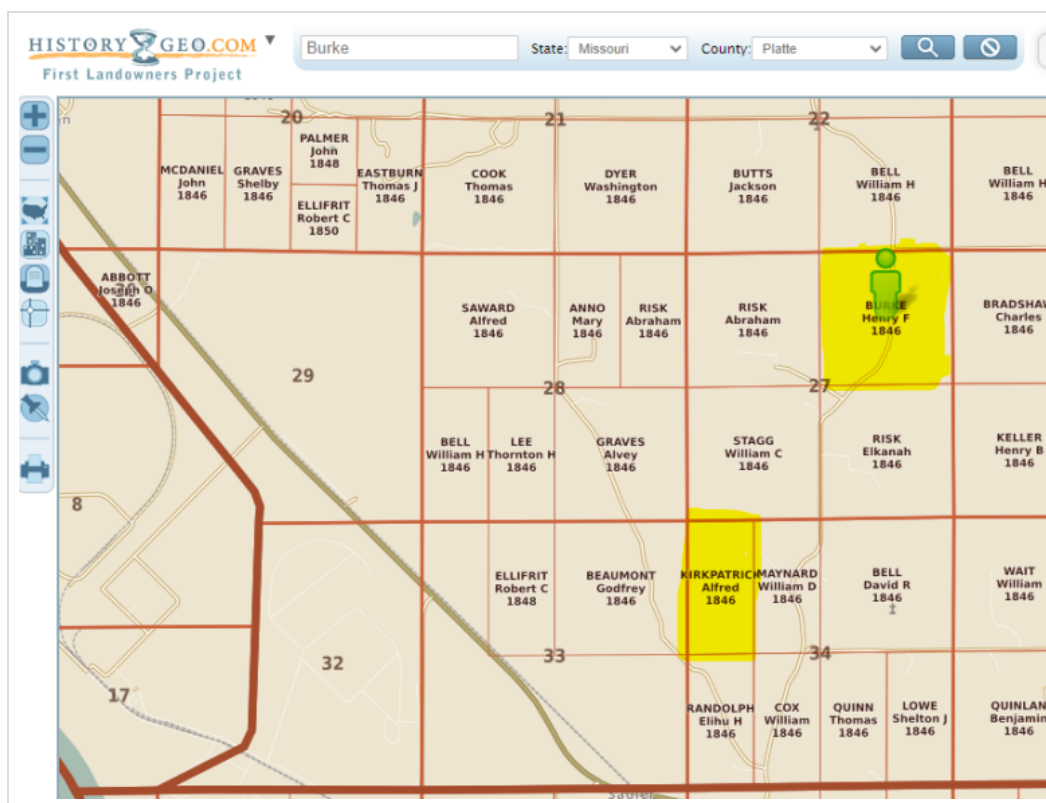
Unfortunately, the original tax records for Platte County, Missouri are not listed in the FamilySearch catalog. Thus, I wasn't able to verify the information in the book with the original records.

In addition to the tax records, my photocopy includes a map of the land owners in Township No 54 North of Range 36 West in Platte County, Missouri. This map shows Henry F. Burke with land in section 27 and Alfred Kirkpatrick with land in section 34.

TOWNSHIP No 54 NORTH OF RANGE 36 WEST

Section	Landowner	Date
1	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
2	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
3	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
4	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
5	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
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21	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
22	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
23	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
24	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
25	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
26	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
27	Henry F. Burke	Aug 11-1863
28	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
29	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
30	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
31	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
32	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
33	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
34	Alfred Kirkpatrick	Aug 11-1863
35	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863
36	John C. Brown	Aug 11-1863

A search of the First Landowner's Project (History Geo.com) revealed that both Henry Burke and Alfred Kirkpatrick were original land owners.



While M. M. Bland owned a large portion of land in 1849, the Bland surname was not found in the First Landowner's Project in Platte County. While I have a deed for the sale of some Platte county, Missouri land, I don't have a Platte County deed for the purchase of the land. Unfortunately, the early deeds for Platte County have not been digitized. Thus, I will need to dig thru my files to see if I already have a copy of such deed. Otherwise, a trip to Platte City, may be in order next spring.

Since Henry Burke was listed in the First Landowners Project, I also searched the Bureau of Land Management Records for Henry Burke. I found a patent dated 1 April 1846 (after his death) for the land in section 27.

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*Preemption Certificate*

*No. 927*

*The United States of America*

*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

*Whereas Henry F Burke of Platte County Missouri*

*has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the*

*Land Office at Plattsburg whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said*

*Henry F Burke*

*according to the provisions of the*

*Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled u8220□An Act making further provisions for the sale of the Public Lands,u8221□ for*

*the North East quarter of section twenty seven, in township*

*fifty four of Range thirty six in the District of Lands subject*

*to sale at Plattsburg Missouri, containing one hundred*

*and sixty acres*

*according to the official plat of survey of said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor*

*General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Henry F Burke*

*Now know ye, that the*

*United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of congress,*

*in such case made and provided, Have Given and Granted, and by these presents Do Give and Grant*

*unto the said Henry F Burke*

*and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights,*

*privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature,*

*thereunto belonging unto the said Henry*

*F Burke*

*and to his heirs and assigns forever.*

*In Testimony whereof, I, James K Polk*

*President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and*

*the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.*

*Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the first day of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six and of  
the*

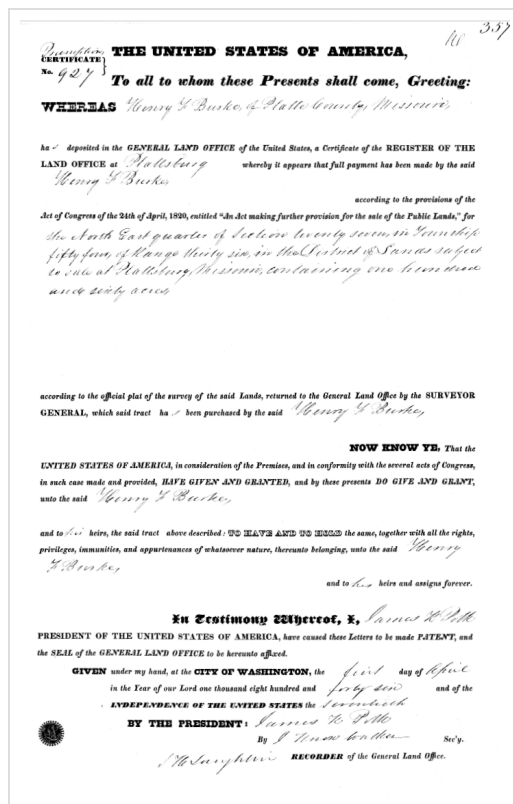
*Independence of the United States the seventieth*

*By the President: James K Polk*

*By J Walker Secu8217□y*

*J M Recorder of the General Land Office*

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, "GENERAL LAND OFFICE RECORDS,"  
DATABASE WITH IMAGES, BLM.GOV (: VIEWED ONLINE 2 SEPTEMBER 2022), HENRY F  
BURKE.**



The pages from this book are like an index to other records. Thus, I'm thankful I took the time to use this resource and to copy pages for at least some of my Burke / Bland fan club.





# Saturday Tidbits

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 23, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, WORLD WAR II

*Courier Tribune available on Seneca Free Library Digital Archives*

*21 Nov 1940*

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## Draft Order

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57 George Darrel Hawley

58 Bernard Frances Runnebaum

59 Ferdinand Henry Niehues

60 Sylvester Joseph Wietharn

61 Edward John Hasenkamp

62 William Joseph Flaherty

63 Elmer Walter Allen

64 Willis Eugene Barnes

65 LeRoy Hunzeker

66 Raymond Hudson Weaver

67 Raymond Aloysius Ronnebaum

68 Bernard Aloysius Becker

69 Merle Vernon Chase  
70 Roy Yens Gustin  
71 Roland Paul grote  
72 Elmer Wagner  
73 Orlo Henry Drinkwater  
74 Austin W. Vogel  
75 Emet Francis Hightower  
76 Herman Arthur Beyreis  
77 Joseph Hiald Moore  
78 Eugene Francis Showman  
79 Anthony Francis Spielman  
80 William Kenneth Rucker  
81 Floyd Emerson Downing  
82 Boyd Robert Cawood  
83 David Meyer  
84 Odilo John Koelzer  
85 Floyd Iven Baumgartner  
86 Harry Gilmore Whittle Jr  
87 Roy Meyer  
88 Louis Ross Warfel  
89 Norbert Andrew Stallbaumer  
90 Virgil Vernon Bumgarner  
91 Raymond William Rasmussen  
92 Francis John Block  
93 Ruben Stauffer  
94 Raphael John Blocker  
95 Emil Roy Edelman  
96 Asia Roy Turpin  
97 Paul Leon Irwin  
98 Kenneth Edgar Hall  
99 Louis Leroy Dannevik  
100 Melvin Lester Deaver

101 Robert Goodrich Wilson  
102 Amzi Gordon Mosteller  
103 Ben Paul Kreutzman  
104 Clarence Richard Hazlett  
105 Leonard William Grimm  
106 Edward Ferdinand Deters  
107 James Jay Adriance  
108 Ralph Benjamine Ward  
109 Vincent August Buessing  
110 Glen Wilbur Labbe  
111 Raymond Eldrid Noland  
112 Herman Louis Stallbaumer  
113 William Robert Geren  
114 Homer Leroy Turner  
115 Eli Brunner  
116 Roscoe George Smith  
117 Allie John Hermes  
118 James Alvin Hoskins  
119 Emmett Thackeray Dodson  
120 Mirl Herman Bontrager  
121 John Jesse Barrett  
122 Melvin Elmer Rauss  
123 Belford J. Duryea  
124 William Audley Sneed  
125 William Francis Koch  
126 Clifton Allen Holland  
127 Garth Edwin Brinkworth  
128 George Lee Miller  
129 Gregory Henry Holthaus  
130 Elmer W. McConnaughey  
131 James Milbern Johnstone  
132 Raymond Clement Gugelman

133 Harry Charles Churchill  
134 Francis James Levret  
135 Henry Grady Stegall  
136 Cyril John Stallbaumer  
137 John Charles Baldwin  
138 Firmin Joseph Koch  
139 Wilbur Henry Keim  
140 Edwin Henry Wietharn  
141 Frank Edward Stuke  
142 Lawrence Joseph Olberding  
143 Lester Laverne Williamson  
144 Leslie Kenneth Wright  
145 Edwin August Brokamp  
146 Fred Edward Amos  
147 Henry Aloysius Holthaus  
148 Howard Freeman Bell  
149 Orville Douglas Edman  
150 Bert Andrew Simmons

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 23, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**



Join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him about your actual or wishful genealogy and family history gifts.

Rev up the olde thynking cap and cue up the Mission Impossible music – your mission should you decide to accept it – keeping with the Christmas theme – is:1) Pick out a genealogy-oriented Christmas gift for someone you know, admire, appreciate or love. It could be for a family member, someone in the genealogy community, or a friend or colleague. Describe your genealogy gift to them.

My gift will hopefully be delivered sometime in 2024. A Crawford descendant recently received a BigY DNA test. While it is believed the recipient of the test descends from Alexander Crawford and Margaret McElwee, more documentation is needed for this family. Thus, I am working to research these descendants.

Alexander Crawford married Margaret McElwee in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1788. This marriage places Alexander Crawford in early Kentucky about the same time as my James Crawford line. I am hoping that the BigY DNA test will place this line in the R1b group. If those are the results, then my 'gift' to the tester is also a gift to myself since it might help figure out a relationship between our two lines.

# My Surnames

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 24, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: BRILES, CRAWFORD, CURREY, MENTZER



## Generation 3

4. **Leon Russel Crawford-9785**: born 6 February 1894 in Newton, Harvey, Kansas, United States; married 24 December 1919 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; died 3 October 1976 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

5. **Winnie Letha Currey-9786**: born 30 June 1903 in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States; died 11 February 1992 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

6. **Edward Osmond Briles-9795**: born 21 June 1891 in Burlington, Coffey, Kansas, United States; married 29 October 1915 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States; died 28 May 1956 in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States.

7. **Pauline Edith Mentzer-9796**: born 28 March 1896 in Woodson, Kansas, United States; died 16 July 1984 in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States.

## Generation 4

8. **Judson Foster Crawford-177**: born 15 April 1866 in Warren, Indiana, United States; married 24 December 1890 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; died 19 February 1949 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

9. **Josie Winifred Hammond-178**: born 9 February 1874 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States; died 27 September 1954 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

10. **Hiram Miles Currey-502**: born 23 October 1866 in Missouri, United States; married 13 May 1891 in Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, United States; died 15 September 1943 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

11. **Winifred Mae “Winnie” Hutchinson-503**: born 6 May 1871 in Osage, Mitchell, Iowa, United States; died 23 September 1913 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, United States.

12. **Edward Grant Briles-2065**: born 18 July 1869 in Coffey, Kansas, United States; married 19 February 1890 in Woodson, Kansas, United States; died 23 July 1951 in St. Mary's Hospital, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States.

13. **Frances Artlissa “Artie” Ricketts-2707**: born 7 April 1868 in Clinton, Indiana, United States; died 28 April 1947 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States.

14. **Charles Oliver Mentzer-1709**: born 1 July 1869 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States; married 18 October 1893 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States; died 15



August 1955 in Newman Hospital, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States.

15. **Nettie Adell Wells-1710**: born 5 February 1873 in Woodson, Kansas, United States; died 9 February 1939 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States.

## Generation 5

16. **Washington Marion Crawford-190**: born 21 April 1838 in Warren, Indiana, United States; married 4 March 1860 in West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States; died 23 August 1889 in Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States.

17. **Mary Foster-191**: born 28 August 1842 in West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States; died 21 January 1929 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

18. **Richmond Fisk Hammond-221**: born 20 November 1840 in Licking, Ohio, United States; married 1 January 1867 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States; died 8 April 1928 in Soldier's Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles, California, United States.

19. **Sarah Ellen Ralston-222**: born 11 May 1849 in Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States; died 18 October 1892 in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States.

20. **Hiram M. Currey-515**: born 13 August 1835 in Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, United States; married 3 August 1856 in Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States; died 2 March 1901 in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

21. **Angelina Jane Burke-516**: born 30 October 1836 in Kentucky, United States; died 26 March 1901 in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

22. **Albert Hutchinson-520**: born about 1838 in Northhampton, Fulton County, New York; married 14 September 1859 in Black Hawk, Iowa, United States; died 22 July 1896 in Doniphan, Doniphan, Kansas, United States.

23. **Julia Harding-521**: born 1840 in New Brunswick, Canada; died 4 January 1892 in Doniphan, Doniphan, Kansas, United States.
24. **Noah Washington Briles-2055**: born 1840 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States; married 9 August 1866 in Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, United States; died 14 July 1879 in Coffey, Kansas, United States.
25. **Sarah Jane Thompson-2056**: born 7 August 1843 in Warrick, Indiana, United States; died 17 August 1930 in Neosho Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States.
26. **James Marshall Ricketts-2733**: born 28 November 1847 in Clinton, Indiana, United States; married 12 July 1866 in Frankfort, Clinton, Indiana, United States; died 28 November 1920 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States.
27. **Rachel Elmeda Christy-2734**: born 28 April 1845 in Clinton, Indiana, United States; died 27 January 1927 in Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States.
28. **George Mentzer-1694**: born 12 June 1838 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States; married 1 January 1868 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States; died 19 January 1912 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States.
29. **Emeline Minnick-1695**: born 26 August 1848 in Pittsburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; died 13 September 1927 in Woodson, Kansas, United States.
30. **Thurston Kennedy Wells-1701**: born 26 February 1821 in Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States; married 20 March 1861 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States; died 3 June 1893 in Woodson, Kansas, United States.
31. **Salome Adell Crandall-1702**: born 24 June 1836 in Ohio, Kentucky, United States; died 30 August 1893 in Woodson, Kansas, United States.

## Generation 6

32. **Nelson G. Crawford-199**: born 17 October 1808 in Preble, Ohio, United States; married 3 September 1833 in Warren, Indiana, United States; died 21 March 1864 in Warren, Indiana, United States.
33. **Martha Smith-200**: born 3 August 1815 in Indiana, United States; died 1 August 1871 in Warren, Indiana, United States.
34. **Zebulon Foster-214**: born 19 August 1808 in Pike, Ohio, United States; married 14 February 1833 in Pike, Ohio, United States; died 5 September 1889 in Warren, Indiana, United States.
35. **Caroline Ostrander-215**: born 23 March 1814 in Ross, Ohio, United States; died 3 June 1871 in Warren, Indiana, United States.
36. **Horatio Hammond-223**: born 24 October 1798 in Connecticut, United States; married 14 April 1825 in Medina, Medina, Ohio, United States; died 7 November 1879 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States.
37. **Louisa Fisk-224**: born 5 August 1806 in Watertown, Jefferson, New York, United States; died 17 August 1874 in Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States.
38. **James Barr Ralston-1232**: born 20 December 1811 in Pennsylvania, United States; married about 1836 in Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States; died 4 July 1904 in Grundy, Iowa, United States.
39. **Nancy Jane McCormick-1233**: born 15 October 1818 in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, United States; died 3 November 1907 in Grundy, Iowa, United States.
40. **Hiram M. Currey-517**: born about 1787; married 28 September 1824 in Edgar, Edgar, Illinois, United States.

41. **Rachel Harris-1278**: died before 28 March 1842.

42. **Henry F. Burke-518**: born 30 April 1811; married 22 October 1835 in Monroe, Kentucky, United States; died 30 October 1845 in Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States.

43. **Elizabeth Ann Bland-519**: born 25 December 1813; died before 5 May 1876 in Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States.

44. **Aaron Hutchinson-10394**: born 1803 in Smyrna, Chenango County New York; died 28 March 1837 in New York, New York, United States.

45. **Sarah Merry-10395**: born 1813; died 6 March 1845 in New York, New York, United States.

46. **William Gillies Harding-560**: born about 1803 in New Brunswick, Canada; married 16 September 1830 in Westfield Parish, Kings, New Brunswick; died 15 August 1865 in Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States.

47. **Elizabeth Fowler-10029**: born 1804 in Westfield Parish, Kings, New Brunswick; died 29 January 1846 in Westfield Parish, Kings, New Brunswick.

48. **Alexander Briles-2059**: born 14 March 1817 in North Carolina, United States; married 2 August 1836 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States; died 14 January 1900 in Neosho Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States.

49. **Sarah Rush-2060**: born 1816 in North Carolina, United States; died 2 September 1872 in Coffey, Kansas, United States.

50. **William Taylor Thompson-2064**: born 29 December 1820 in Ohio, Kentucky, United States; married 30 October 1842 in Warrick, Indiana, United States; died 12 September 1898.

51. **Polly Ann Evans-4511**: born 25 July 1821 in Indiana, United States; died 14 April 1896 in Wapello, Louisa, Iowa, United States.

52. **John Lewis Ricketts-2735**: born 22 November 1812 in Fleming, Kentucky, United States; married 3 December 1846 in Clinton, Indiana, United States; died 23 December 1888 in Clinton, Indiana, United States.

53. **Orilda Matilda Reed-2736**: born 20 January 1828 in Jennings, Indiana, United States; died 28 June 1900 in Clinton, Indiana, United States.

54. **Samuel Christy-7734**: born 11 September 1819 in Indiana, United States; married 3 March 1842 in Fayette, Ohio, United States; died 24 March 1904 in Clinton, Indiana, United States.

55. **Lyda Gallimore-7735**: born 25 March 1824 in Ohio, Kentucky, United States; died 1 February 1864 in Clinton, Indiana, United States.

56. **Phillip Andrew Mentzer-1697**: born about March 1793; married 23 May 1816; died 19 December 1845 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.

57. **Orinda Miles-1698**: born 14 January 1798 in Gardner, Worcester, Massachusetts, United States; died 18 October 1861 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States.

58. **John Minnick-1696**: born 22 June 1822 in Pennsylvania, United States; married before 1850; died 21 April 1903 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States.

59. **Elizabeth Mary Jones-1806**: born about 1816 in Pennsylvania, United States; died 20 July 1869 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States.

60. **Ozias Wells-1833**: born 15 May 1796 in Northampton, Fulton County, New York; married 18 March 1818 in Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States; died 5 August 1832 in Princeton, Mercer, New Jersey, United States.

61. **Mary Kennedy-1834**: born 21 February 1799 in Halfmoon, Saratoga, New York, United States; died 23 March 1885 in Kalamo, Eaton, Michigan, United States.

62. **Lewis Crandall-1796**: born 19 August 1807 in prob Genesee County, New York; married; died March 1852 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.

63. **Almira Nafus-4939**: died before 1846.

## Generation 7

64. **James Crawford-219**: born 17 April 1772 in Virginia, British Colonial America; married 12 September 1799 in Garrard, Kentucky, United States; died 5 July 1854 in Preble, Ohio, United States.

65. **Sarah “Sally” Smith-1441**: born 25 February 1770 in Virginia, United States; died 2 May 1856 in Preble, Ohio, United States.

66. \_\_\_\_\_ **Smith-5399**: married.

67. **Hannah** \_\_\_\_\_ **-5398**: born 24 September 1790; died 10 May 1847 in Warren, Indiana, United States.

68. **Richard Foster-216**: born 1 July 1779 in Maryland, United States; married 26 February 1801 in Frederick, Maryland, United States; died 7 June 1831 in Pike, Ohio, United States.

69. **Rachel Browning-217**: born 17 June 1780 in Maryland, United States; died 23 March 1858 in Pike, Ohio, United States.

70. **Dr. Edward Ostrander-5427**: born 22 November 1769 in Troy, Rensselaer, New York, United States; married 1796 in New York, New York, United States; died after 3 May 1835 in Kingston, Ross, Ohio, United States.

71. **Margaret Forbes-5428**: born 30 May 1772 in Rensselaer, Rensselaer, New York, United States; died 8 August 1824 in Green Township, Ohio.

72. **Jason Hammond-226**: born 1 February 1762 in Bolton, Tolland, Connecticut, United States; married 24 April 1788 in Glastonbury, Hartford, Connecticut, United States; died 21 September 1830 in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States.
73. **Rachel Hale-227**: born 11 December 1758 in Glastonbury, Hartford, Connecticut, United States; died 11 November 1842 in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States.
74. **Jonathan Fisk-225**: born 3 September 1780; married; died 9 April 1857 in New York, United States.
75. **Mary Arnold-7772**: born 1778; died 24 October 1862 in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States.
76. **David Franklin Ralston-9086**: born 28 October 1785 in Ireland; married 1810 in Worthing, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; died 28 March 1862 in Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States.
77. **Hannah Barr-9087**: born 21 July 1779; died 1 August 1861.
78. **James B McCormick-9772**: born 1785; married 1812; died 14 October 1839.
79. **Sarah Hall-10438**: born 1790; died 1844.
80. **Hiram Mirick Currey-1363**: born in England, United Kingdom; married.
81. **Sarah Reagan-1511**: died 2 December 1820 in Worthington, Franklin, Ohio, United States.
82. **Peter Harris-10846**: married 23 April 1801 in Henry, Kentucky, United States.
83. **Rachel Simonse VanArsdale-16331**.

84. **John Burke-10238**: born 1783 in James River, Tidewater County, Virginia; married in Virginia, United States; died 1842 in Jackson, Tennessee, United States.
85. **Elizabeth Graves-10304**: born 1786 in Halifax, Halifax, Virginia, United States; died 1831 in War Trace Creek, Jackson County, Tennessee.
86. **Eli Bland-581**: married; died 1826 in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, United States.
87. **Sarah Susan Anderson-582**.
88. **Aaron Hutchinson-10396**: born 1767 in New London, New London, Connecticut, United States; died 22 May 1833 in Caledonia, Livingston, New York, United States.
89. **Hannah Nettleton-10397**: born 1764; died 21 February 1846 in Caledonia, Livingston, New York, United States.
90. **Whiting Merry-16337**: born 4 June 1781 in Kinderhook, Columbia, New York; married; died 26 May 1841 in Mumford, Monroe, New York, United States.
91. **Elizabeth Peabody-16340**: born 5 March 1783 in Maugerville, Sunbury, New Brunswick, Canada; died 12 March 1816.
92. **William Harding-10036**: born 16 June 1772; married 8 August 1793; died 1847 in Long Beach, New Brunswick.
93. **Elizabeth Flewelling-10037**: born 1772.
94. **Thomas Fowler-16345**: born 1785; died 1877.
96. **John Briles-2057**: born 27 October 1775; married 1795; died before November 1855 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States.



97. **Nancy Ann Beckerdite-2058**: died before 1840 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States.

98. **Noah Rush-2393**: born 9 January 1778 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States; married; died 6 May 1870 in Randolph, North Carolina, United States.

99. **Sarah Clark-2402**: born 1790.

100. **John Thompson-4601**: born 4 March 1797 in Kentucky, United States; married 1 February 1820 in Ohio, Kentucky, United States; died 14 August 1857 in Adams, Iowa, United States.

101. **Sarah Iglehart-4600**: born 24 March 1800 in Maryland, United States; died 5 February 1877 in Adams, Iowa, United States.

102. **James Evans-8272**: born 1793 in Kentucky, United States; married 18 August 1818 in Warrick, Indiana, United States; died.

103. **Sarah (Sally) Garret-8273**: born 1801; died 2 October 1871.

104. **Edward Ricketts-2746**: born about 1787 in Pennsylvania, United States; married 1 November 1810 in Fleming, Kentucky, United States; died 8 September 1838 in Rush, Indiana, United States.

105. **Sarah Story-2747**: born 28 December 1789 in Bryant, Franklin, Kentucky, United States; died 3 August 1854 in Rush, Indiana, United States.

106. **John C. Reed-5748**: born about 1800 in New York, New York, United States; married 9 December 1822 in Jennings, Indiana, United States; died 18 August 1864 in Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee, United States.

107. **Mary Buckles-5749**: born 6 December 1792 in Shepardstown, Berkely County, Virginia (now West Virginia); died 14 February 1867 in Berlin, Clinton County, Indiana.

108. **Ebenezer Christy-13075**: born 1784 in Virginia, United States; died 1837 in Fayette, Ohio, United States.
109. **Rachel Elizabeth Dawson-13076**: born 1803; died 1881.
110. **Isom Gallimore-8849**: born 1799 in North Carolina, United States; married; died 3 March 1859.
111. **Judith Bentley-8850**.
112. **Phillip Andre Mentzer-6243**: married 8 July 1792 in Hollis Street Church, Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States; died 1801 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States.
113. **Isabella Motes-6244**.
114. **Oliver Miles-1699**: born 27 September 1772 in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States; married 27 January 1796 in Leominster, Worcester, Massachusetts, United States; died 12 December 1855.
115. **Sarah Joslin-1700**.
116. **Adam Minick-6634**.
117. **Esther Elisabetha Schiedel-16364**: born 1801; died 1888.
118. **Henry Jones-16365**: born 1785; died 1826.
119. **Catherine Bovey-16366**: born 1786; died 1842.
120. **Green Wells-4795**: born 24 September 1764 in Rhode Island, United States; married 11 February 1789 in Hadley, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States; died 13 December 1845 in Barre, Orleans County, New York.

121. **Abigail White-4813**: born 24 September 1770 in Hadley, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States; died 30 July 1852 in Barre, Orleans County, New York.
122. **John Kennedy-4796**: born 1 February 1767 in Volentown; married; died 28 August 1831 in Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States.
123. **Anna Barnes-4842**: born 28 April 1775 in Williamstown; died 17 February 1820 in Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States.
124. **Hampton Lillibridge Crandall-4934**: born 1778 in RI or CT; married about 1805 in prob Genesee County, New York; died 1 January 1863 in Bentonsport, Van Buren, Iowa, United States.
125. **Freelove Butler-4935**: born about 1780 in prob CT; died after 1840 in Bentonsport, Van Buren, Iowa, United States.
126. **William S. Nafus-16367**: born 1774; died 1850.
127. **Salome Carpenter-16368**: born 1775; died 1837.

# Merry Christmas

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 25, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CRAWFORD, DODGE CITY



## Christmas Memories







# Purple Heart

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 26, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: NEMAHA COUNTY, PURPLE HEART, WORLD WAR II

## Captain Raymond Rokey

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*In addition to the letters above, much appreciated greeting cards have been received from ... Lt. Raymond Rokey of Camp Livingston, La.*

*The Sabetha Herald*

*3 Feb 1943*

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***Service Men's Addresses***

*Lt. Raymond Rokey, A.P.O. 23 Hdq Co 28th Div. Livingston, La.*

*Courier Tribune*

*2 Sep 1943*

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***Raymond Rokey a Captain***

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*Raymond Rokey, who is stationed at Camp Picket, Va. has been promoted from 1st lieutenant to captain. He entered the service from Manhattan State College about a year ago as a second lieutenant. Last spring he was made a lieutenant and now has been promoted to captain.*

*The Sabetha Herald*

*2 Feb 1944*

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### ***From Captain Raymond Rokey***

*Capt. Raymond Rokey writes from a New York overseas address, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rokey the following:*

*Today has been a wonderful day because I finally got some mail again. The first for some time.*

*The best news I could possibly get was that you are well and happy, waiting patiently as you must for us to return. Just when that will be is really not important. What is more importance is that that day will come eventually.*

*The British are not doing to badly by us. they still seem glad that we are here. We are all happy of the selection of “Ike” the Kansas Kid to leas us in the big show. We believe that he is the man to do the job. And don’t let anyone fool you into thinking it isn’t one big job. I don’t believe you folks back home really realize what it is actually going to cost. Don’t worry we’ll do it alright. We may have to kick from behind our goal line a time or two, but we have a pretty good kicker and eventually we will cross that midfield stripe, head for pay dirt, and go over with a BANG. It is a great game, it is getting a lot of press notices and the largest crowd ever will be waiting to hear the outcome. We won’t have many spectators due to transportation difficulties, but I’m positive the game will be just as well played in their absence.*

*Say if it wouldn’t be too much trouble you might send me a small package*



*of popcorn. I'm hungry for some right now. these English people don't know what it is, they sure don't know what they are missing.*

*May 1944 give to us those things we have been working through 41, 42 and 43.*

*The Sabetha Herald*

*22 Nov 1944*

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## ***Men in the Service***

### ***Capt. Ray Rokey Dies from Combat Wounds***

*Capt. Raymond Rokey, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rokey of Sabetha, died November 6 as a result of wounds received in combat in the European Theater of Operations, November 5. It is indicated by telegrams from the War Department received by his parents here. The first telegram, telling of Capt. Rokey's being wounded, was received here Saturday, November 18. The telegram reporting his death was received Monday, November 20. No details were given, the telegrams following the usual form in such cases. It is presumed that his fatal injuries were received in combat on or near German soil. His location in the current European campaigns was, of course, now known.*

*Though it is impossible to know what happened. Sabethans will agree that the finest of Sabetha's fighting men are those who have been taken in this world conflict. Ray Rokey was an infantry officer. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in March, 1942, following an outstanding record of leadership as an ROTC cadet at Kansas State College, Manhattan. His activities in athletics, both high school and college, and in K State agriculture and social activities impressed all who knew him with the fact that he was modest as well as able. These characteristics, pre-requisites for the sort of leadership he exhibited in his army career, made his*

*advancement certain, his contributions to the fight for freedom important. His first station in the army was Camp Livingston, La. In August 1943, he was sent to Camp Picket, Va. It was at this time he received his promotion to Captain. He went overseas in September 1943.*

*His brother, Lt. Ned Rokey, is with a combat outfit also somewhere in the European Theater of Operations. Another brother, Harvey Rokey, lives at Corning. HE has two sisters, Mrs. John Zug of Salina and Mrs. Vernon Kaul of Sabetha. Pvt. Bert Rokey, somewhere in the southwest Pacific, and Cpl. Eldon Rokey, with a Military Police company in the European theater, are double cousins.*

*Capt. Ray Rokey's death again brings home to Sabetha the hard realities of war. His sacrifice must be an inspiration, lest his ideals and those of the town and the nation be lost. How little anyone else can give in comparison!*

*The Sabetha Herald*

*29 Oct 1947*

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## **” To Hold Military Funeral for Capt. Raymond Rokey**

*Accompanied by individual military escort, the remains of the late Capt. Raymond R. Rokey, which have arrived at the port of New York, will be delivered to the final destination in the near future, the American Graves Registration Distribution Center, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oney S. Rokey of Sabetha.*

*When the remains of the deceased are ready to be forwarded to Sabetha from the distribution center at Fort Leavenworth, the Popkess Funeral Home, representing the family will be notified by telegram as to routing, scheduled time of arrival and name of the military escort. The military escort will be from the same branch of the service as the deceased and of comparable rank.*

*Military services will be conducted jointly by the Sabetha posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, under the command of Fred Dienstbier, V.F.W. commander.*

*The Sabetha Herald*

*19 Nov 1947*

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## ” ***Services for Ray Rokey to Be Held Thursday***


*The remains of Capt. Raymond Rokey, who lost his life in the European theatre during the war, will arrive at the Union Pacific station this Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by military escort, and will be escorted to the Popkess funeral home by members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.*

*Brief services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and the cortege will be escorted by members of the two veterans' organizations to the cemetery, where graveside military rites will be conducted under command of Fred Dienstbier, V.F.W.*

*Ray Rokey was commanding officer of an infantry company in the ETO on Nov. 5, 1944, when he received wounds that resulted in his death two days later. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in March, 1942, following an outstanding record of leadership as an ROTC cadet at Kansas State College, Manhattan. He was an excellent athlete both at Sabetha High School and at college, and was active in social, cultural, and scholastic pursuits. But Sabethans remember Ray particularly because he was friendly and modest — generous but fair — the sort of person who met his athletic opponents with all of his energies, but with sportsmanship.*

*He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rokey. His brother, Ned, was also an officer who saw combat duty in the ETO, and now is continuing his education at Kansas State College. Another brother, Harvey Rokey, lives*

*south of Sabetha. Mrs. John Zug of Salina and Mrs. Vernon Kaul of Sabetha are sisters. Bert Rokey and Eldon Rokey of Sabetha are double cousins.*



RAYMOND R. ROKEY  
CAPT. 112TH INF. - 28TH DIV.  
WORLD WAR II  
MAR. 24 - 1917 - NOV. 7 - 1944

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## Raymond R Rokey

**BIRTH** 24 Mar 1917


**DEATH** 7 Jul 1944 (aged 27)

**BURIAL** [Sabetha Cemetery](#)  
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

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Find a Grave – Raymond Rokey



# Photos

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 27, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: CURREY

Have you ever cleaned out a closet or filing cabinet to find family photos that were ‘stangers’ the first time you viewed the photos? As I am writing this, I am taking photo albums and boxes of photos out of a filing cabinet in hopes of getting it out of my closet. While I’m finding a lot of pictures from acquaintances of my grandmother that I likely won’t keep, I ran across two photos of my grandmother and some of her sister’s family. In both pictures, there is an ‘Aunt’.

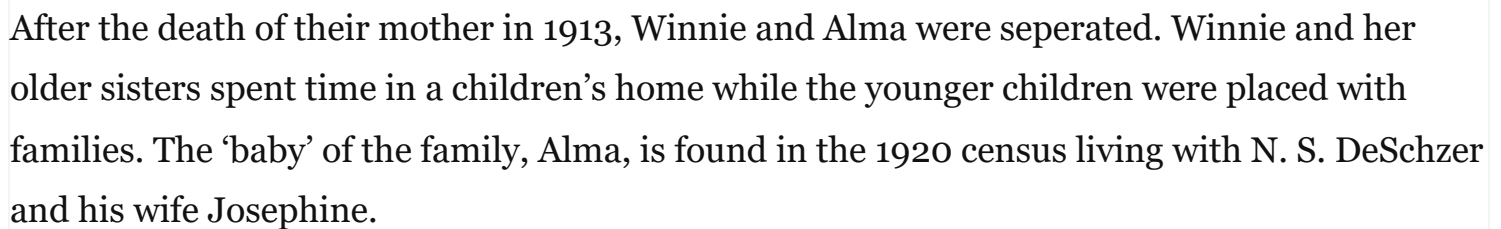
When I first viewed these photos, I had no clue as to the identity of the ‘Aunt’ in each photo. Thanks to my family history research, I can now identify these ladies.

The photo below includes my dad, Eugene; his brother, L.R.; my grandad, Leon; my grandmother, Winnie, my great aunt Alma’s husband, Bud holding their daughter Sue; and my second cousins, Ronald and Bill (sons of Alma). Almost hidden in the center of the photo is Aunt Dora. This is **Dora Currey Marts**. Dora, was my grandmother’s aunt on her dad’s side of the tree.



The second photo also involves my grandmother (Winnie) and her sister (Alma). Unfortunately, I don't think all of the people in the photo are identified. My grandmother is in the dark dress holding her son, L. R. Alma is standing in the back next to my grandmother. ALma's husband, Bud, is on the left side of my grandmother and mostly hidden. Aunt Joe is likely the women in the dark flowered dress, while Alma's son Bill would be in the arms of the unknown woman. To date, I have not found a biological relationship between Winnie, Alma and Aunt Joe. 'Aunt Joe' is likely Josephine DeShazer.





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These photos now have a 'home' on FamilySearch. And my trek thru my filing cabinet continues.

# Facebook Copyright Infringement Notification

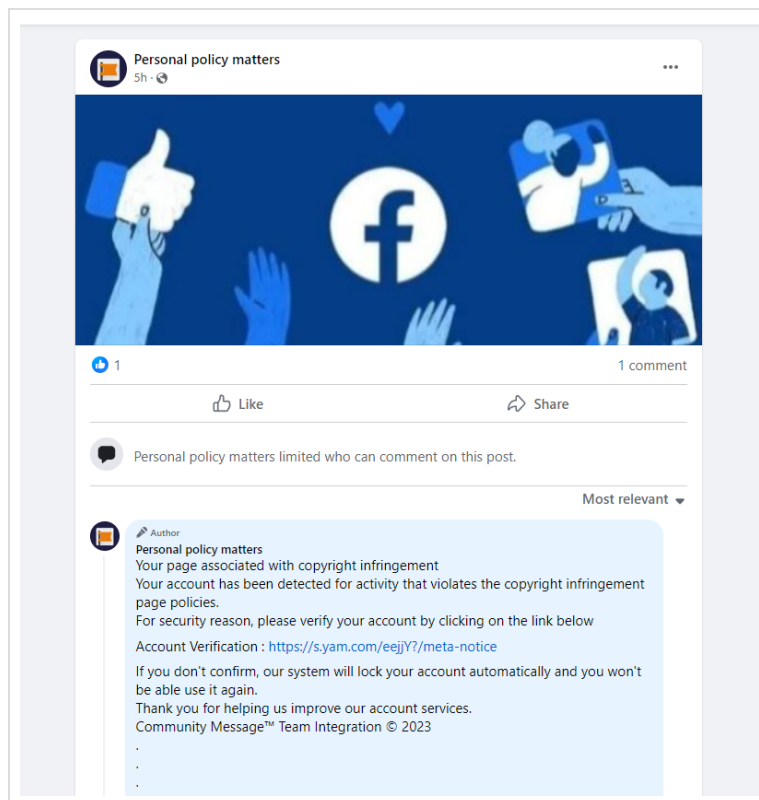
BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 27, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: FACEBOOK

Are you a Facebook (or Instagram or Threads) user? Do you manage a group or page on Facebook? If so, there is apparently a new scam going around.

I am one of the administrators for my church's Facebook page. As a small church, our page isn't overly active. However, I recently received a 'copyright infringement notification' for the church's page.



Since I try to avoid copyright issues, this notification concerned me. However, the notice did not tell me how we had violated the copyright law on our Facebook page.

Being suspicious, I searched Google to see what I could learn about this notification. One of the first things I found was a CyberNews article, “Facebook Users Targeted in Copyright Infringement Scam.”



After a little more searching, I found a Bytes Cares Blogs post detailing how Meta (Facebook) notifies users about copyright issues, Meta Copyright Infringement eMail. One section of the post details, How Facebook Sends Copyright Infringement eMail.

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scenario.

Therefore, users should educate themselves on law and consider seeking legal advice when necessary.

## How Facebook Sends Meta Copyright Infringement Email

When Meta Platforms Inc., formerly known as Facebook Inc., receives a valid infringement claim about content posted on its platforms, such as Facebook or Instagram, the company takes action in line with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and similar global laws.

Upon confirming the validity of the infringement claim, Meta will remove or restrict access to the reported content.

The user who posted this content is then notified about this action. This notification comes in the form of a Meta infringement email, sent to the email address associated with the user's account.

The infringement email typically includes the following information:

1. Notice that content they posted has been removed or access to it has been restricted.
2. Details about the content that was removed, such as a description or the location of the content.
3. Information about the claimant, which might include their name, organisation, or contact details.
4. An explanation of the user's rights and potential next steps, including how to file a counter-notice if they believe their content was wrongly removed.

The purpose of this email is to inform the user about the claim and actions taken, and provide them with the opportunity to respond or dispute the claim, if they believe the content was removed in error.

It's crucial to remember that Meta takes the protection of intellectual property rights very seriously and violations of these rights can lead to penalties, including the disabling of a user's account in severe or repeated cases.

## How to Handle Meta Copyright Infringement Email?

According to this blog post, an actual infringement email would have detailed the content in question.

Since the notification I received did not provide such details, I am assuming it is a scam.

# ThruLines Mystery

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

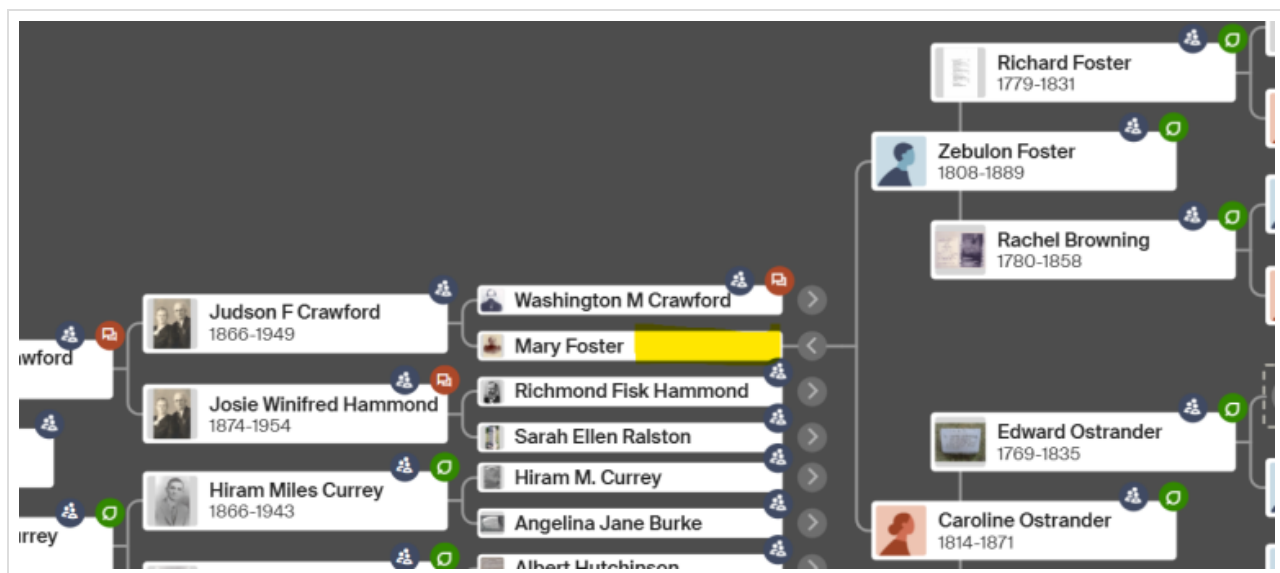
/ DECEMBER 28, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: DNA

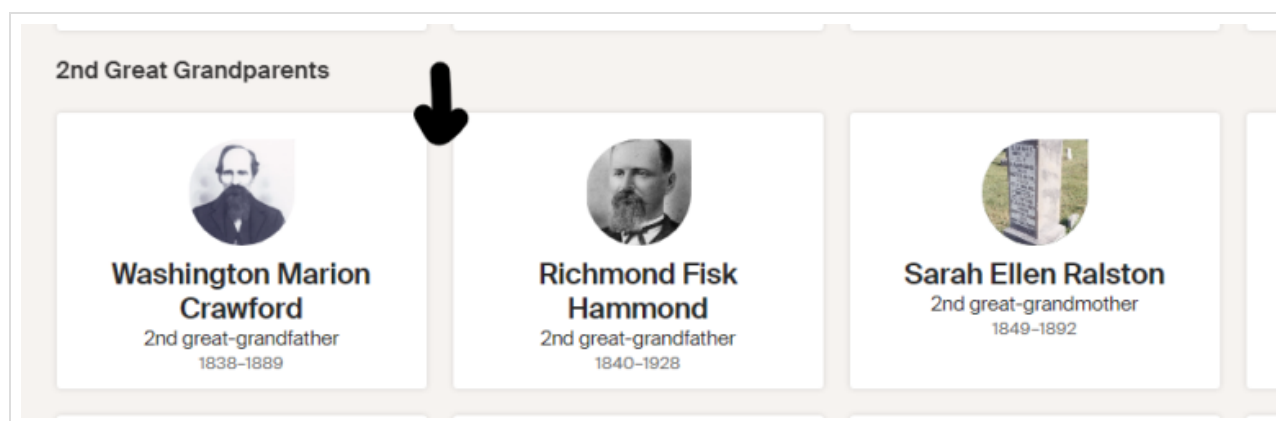
*NOTE: Resolution for this issue has been added to the end of this post.*

Ancestry's ThruLines seems to have 'lovers' and 'haters'. For the most part, I fall into the 'lovers' group. That's partly because I have taken the time to research many of the descendants of my ancestors. Thus, I already have a lot of the grandparents or even parents of my matches in my tree. This research impacts my ThruLines and reduces the number of 'evaluate' suggestions I see. Thus, I don't see many of the issues others complain about.

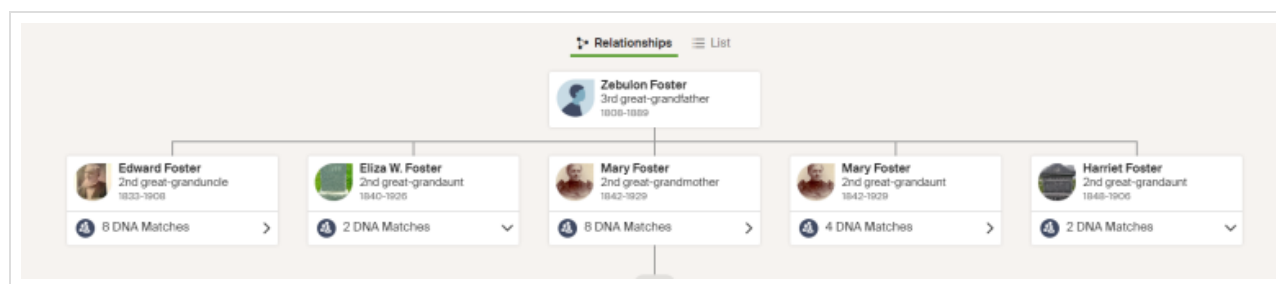
While recently updating my ThruLines documentation, I discovered that my 2nd great grandmother, Mary Foster Crawford no longer appears on the ThruLines page for my DNA test. She is also missing from the ThruLines page for both of my brothers. I checked my tree and she is still connected to my great-grandfather, Judson Foster Crawford, and to her father, Zebulon Foster. However, she is missing the ThruLines symbol.



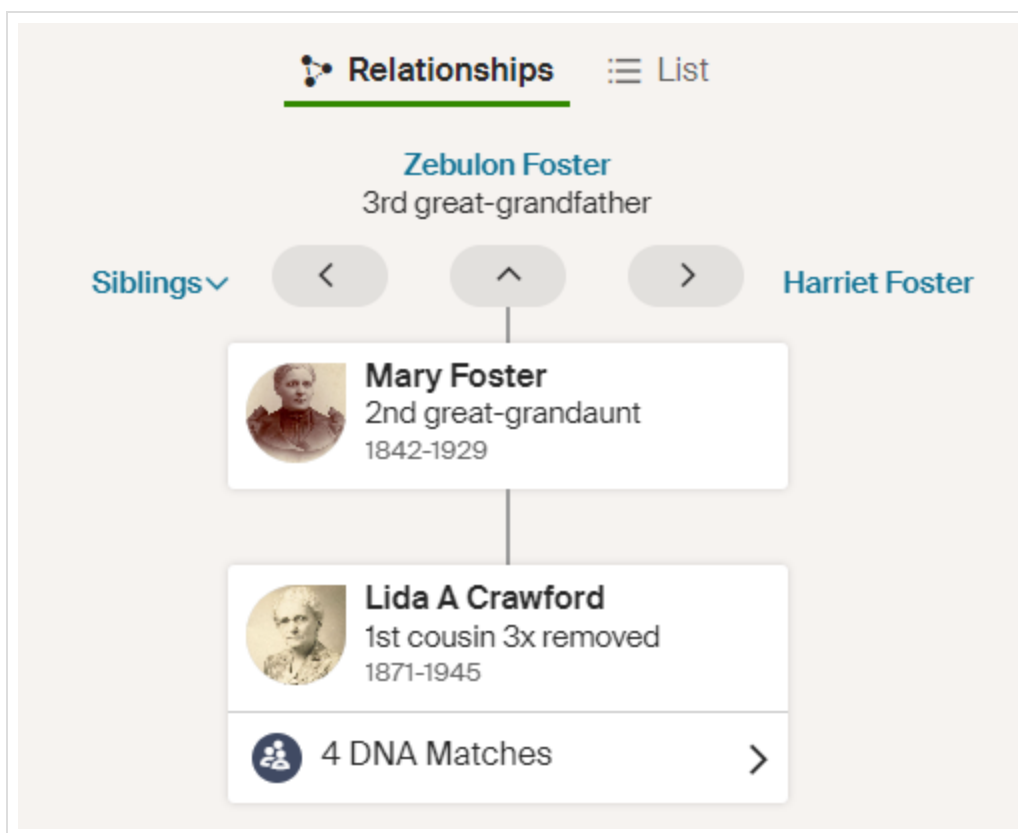
When I go to a ThruLines screen, she should be between Washington M Crawford and Richmond Fisk Hammond. But, she isn't there.



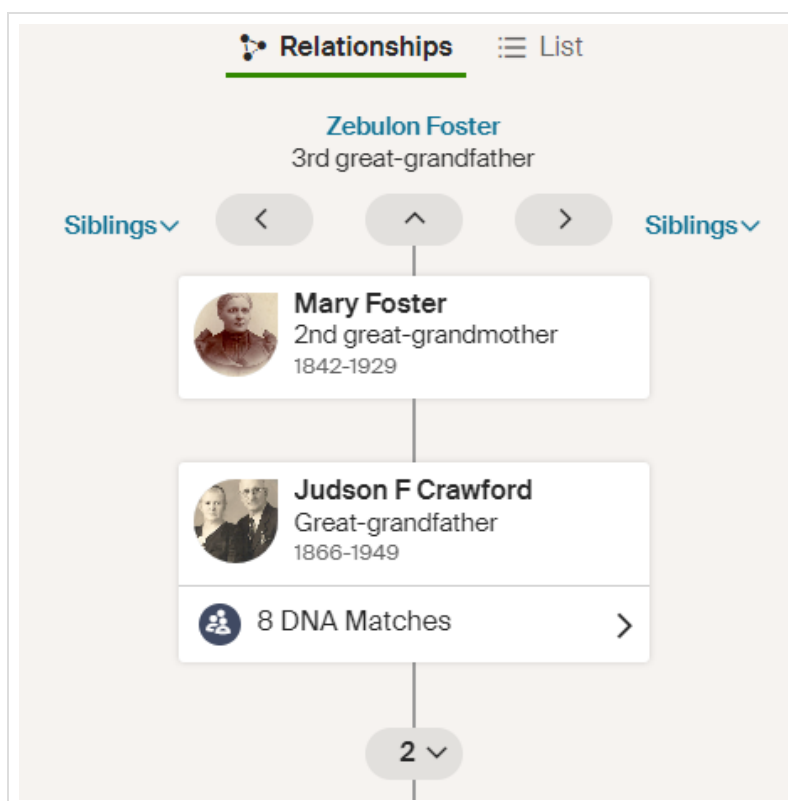
If I open the ThruLines for her father, Zebulon Foster, Mary appears twice. as a child with DNA matches below her.



The Mary Foster with 4 DNA matches shows cousins who descend from Mary through her daughter Lida.



The Mary Crawford with the 8 DNA matches shows my line and cousins who descend from Mary's son, Judson.



When I look at the profile for Mary Foster, it shows her parents as Zebulon Foster and Caroline Ostrander. It also shows her husband, Washington Marion Crawford and children, Ida, Judson, Carrie, Lida and Nelson.



Mary Foster

BIRTH 28 AUGUST 1842 • West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States

DEATH 21 JANUARY 1929 • Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States

2nd great-grandmother

View in tree

View notes

View comments

Merge with duplicate

Save to tree

Print

Member connect

LifeStory

Facts

Gallery

Hints

Explore

Facts

Filter

Add

Name

Mary Foster

18 sources

Gender

Female

1842 (AGE)

Birth

28 August 1842 • West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States

15 sources

Explore

1850 7

Residence

1 July 1850 • Pike Township, Warren, Indiana, United States

an 8 year old female born Ind and was listed as Mary Foster

4 sources

Explore

1860 17

Marriage

4 March 1860 • West Lebanon, Warren, Indiana, United States

Washington Marion Crawford (1838-1889)

11 sources

Explore

1860 17

Residence

Sources

Add

Ancestry sources

1850 United States Federal Census

1860 United States Federal Census

1880 United States Federal Census

1900 United States Federal Census

1910 United States Federal Census

1920 United States Federal Census

Ancestry Family Trees

Family

Add

Parents

Zebulon Foster 1806-1889

Caroline Ostrander 1814-1871

Siblings

Spouse and children

Washington Marion Crawford 1838-1889

Ida Kate Crawford 1862-1934

Judson Foster Crawford 1866-1949

Carrie A Crawford 1870-1896

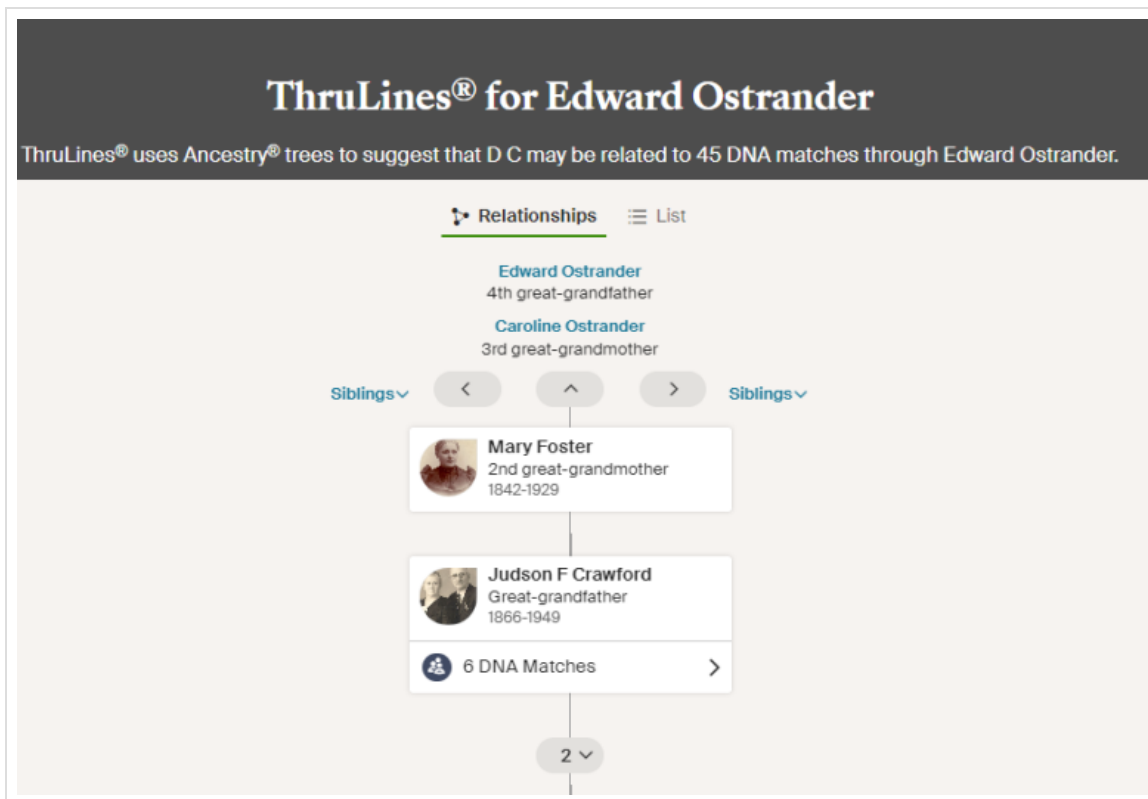
Lida A Crawford 1871-1945

Nelson Garfield Crawford 1881-1957

Out of curiosity, I checked the ThruLines for Mary’s grandfather Edward Ostrander. While I found Mary again listed twice, the number of DNA matches going thru Judson decreased to 6 (from eight).

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As I was trying to figure out this mystery, I observed that one of my brothers does not show as a ThruLines match. However, if I go to his ThruLines data, he shows along with my test, but my other brother is missing.

So what could be causing these issues and how do I resolve it?

Several people have shared on the Facebook Ancestry DNA group that support suggests disconnecting the tree from the DNA test and then reconnecting it. This requires waiting about 48 hours to see if the reconnection resolves the issue. Since I have 3 DNA tests with which to work, I'm going to try that with one of my brother's tests (after documenting his ThruLines numbers).

Unfortunately, disconnecting the tree (on Christmas day) and reconnecting it did not resolve the ThruLines issues. Yesterday, I disconnected Mary Foster Crawford from her spouse and children and then reconnected her. She is still missing today. Note: I did not wait very long between either 'disconnecting' case and the reconnection. My next attempt will likely be to disconnect, wait 48 hours, reconnect and wait another 48 hours.

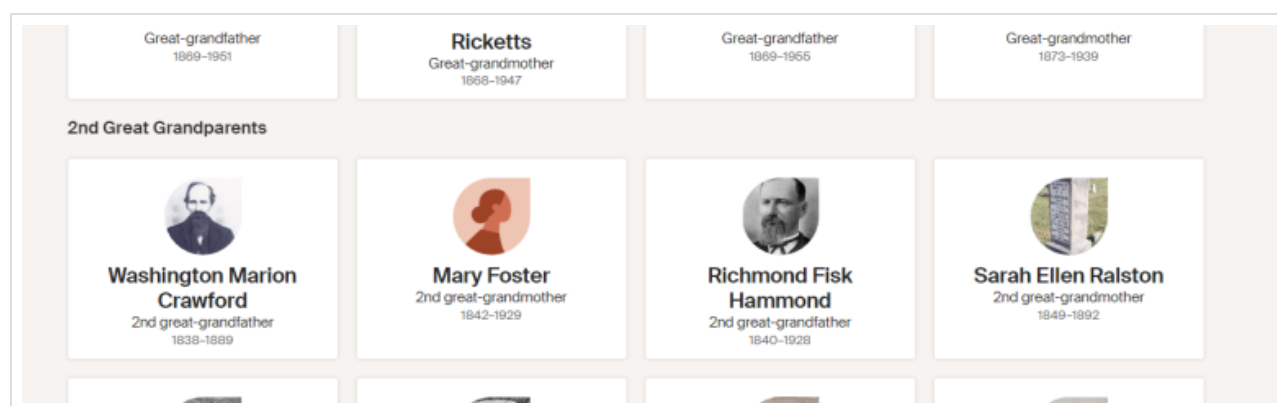
**ATTEMPTED RESOLUTION:**

Since I manage three DNA tests that descend from Mary Crawford, I disconnected one of those tests from my tree and connected it to a new tree. Mary Foster Crawford appeared on the ThruLines page!

While this is a resolution, it is NOT something I want to do with my own DNA test. That test has quite a few of my matches connected to the tree. I believe that if I disconnect my DNA data from the tree, I will also loose those connections. This is NOT something I wish to do. Thus, I don't believe it is a resolution.

## RESOLUTION:

I deleted Mary Foster from my tree. Several hours later, ThruLines was suggesting Mary Foster as a potential ancestor. I then used RootsMagic to put Mary Foster back in my tree. She again shows on my ThruLines page.



# Tracking Growth

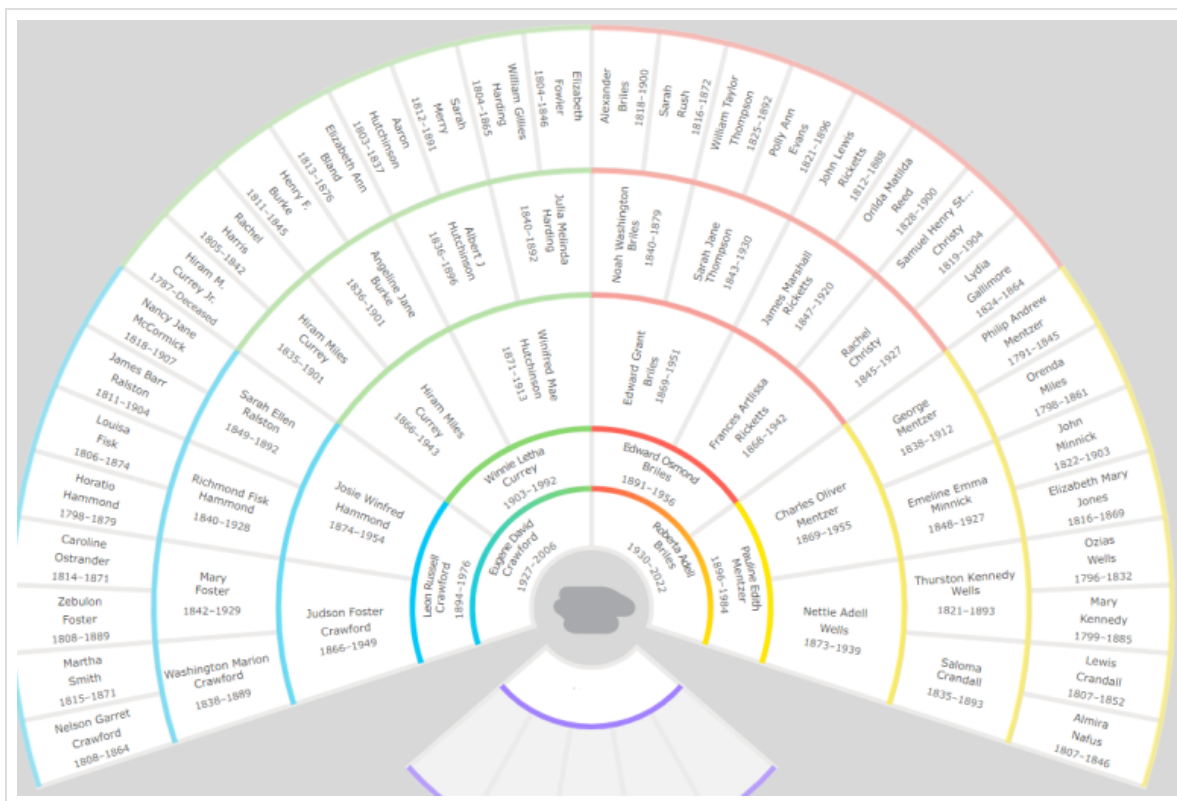
BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 29, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: DNA, GOALS, YDNA

Do you keep track of your genealogy statistics? I have to admit that I have been tracking my numbers in recent years. My primary reason for such tracking is to measure growth.

However, such measurements can be deceiving. For example, increasing the number of people in my RootsMagic file isn't growth if the newly added individuals don't have sources attached. Another example of deceiving numbers is my number of Ancestry DNA matches. Since my tree is entirely located in the United States going back 6 generations the potential is there to not only have a lot of cousins but also to have lots of Ancestry DNA matches.



However, I still record the numbers and try to compare them to the previous year.

<b>RootsMagic</b>	1/2/2023	12/25/2023
People	22246	23959
Families	7404	7876
Events	73184	80157
Places	9279	10968
Sources	5635	6025
Citations	26475	28176
Media Items	13182	14650

<b>Ancestry Tree</b>	1/2/2023	12/25/2023
People	21652	23312
Photos	18323	21111
Stories	1782	1911
Records	22024	24296
Audio	0	0
Video	0	0
People with hints	13606	3880
Hints		22566
Photo Hints		5396
Story Hints		860
Member Tree Hints		3408

<b>Ancestry DNA Matches</b>	Me	ME	Brother 1	Brother 1
	1/2/2023	12/25/2023	12/25/2023	1/2/2023
Paternal Matches	36028	67887	40329	76742
Maternal Matches	30748	56893	35867	64474
Both	2	380	3	281
<i>Unassigned</i>	<i>55820</i>	<i>2116</i>	<i>62281</i>	<i>2307</i>
Total	122598	127276	138480	143804
Common Ancestors		2078		2041

<b>Ancestry DNA Matches</b>	Brother 2	Brother 2	Mom	Mom
	1/2/2023	12/25/2023	1/2/2023	12/25/2023
Paternal Matches	36764	71615	29020	55029
Maternal Matches	31042	57880	15415	29224
Both	4	341	8	276
<i>Unassigned</i>	<i>59125</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>38148</i>	<i>1377</i>
Total	126935	131720	82591	85906
Common Ancestors			1796	2397

<b>yDNA</b>	1/2023	12/2023	1/2023	12/2023	12/2023
	Brother 1	Brother 1	Brother 2	Brother 2	4th cousin
BigY	28	30	29	29	29
111 Markers	27	30	29	30	25
67 Markers	27	68	24	68	45

<b>mtDNA</b>	12/25/2023
Total Matches	437
Distance Zero	11

What I found interesting when I was compiling these statistics is the reduction in ‘Unassigned’ DNA matches and the growth in Paternal and Maternal matches. I’m assuming that the technology behind this process improved over the year. Congrats Ancestry on this achievement.

While there is no way I will work my way thru all of my DNA matches, I do spend some time during the year documenting ‘Common Ancestor’ matches. I also do a lot of descendency research in hopes of helping the computer identify more common ancestors.

# 2023 Goal Review

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 30, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: GOALS

Do you set goals for your genealogy research? Several years ago, I started setting annual goals and have to admit those goals have helped me keep focused. That was until I hit 2023. Looking back, I think I either had overly ambitious goals or poorly focused goals. Below are the goals I posted on 1 Jan 2023:



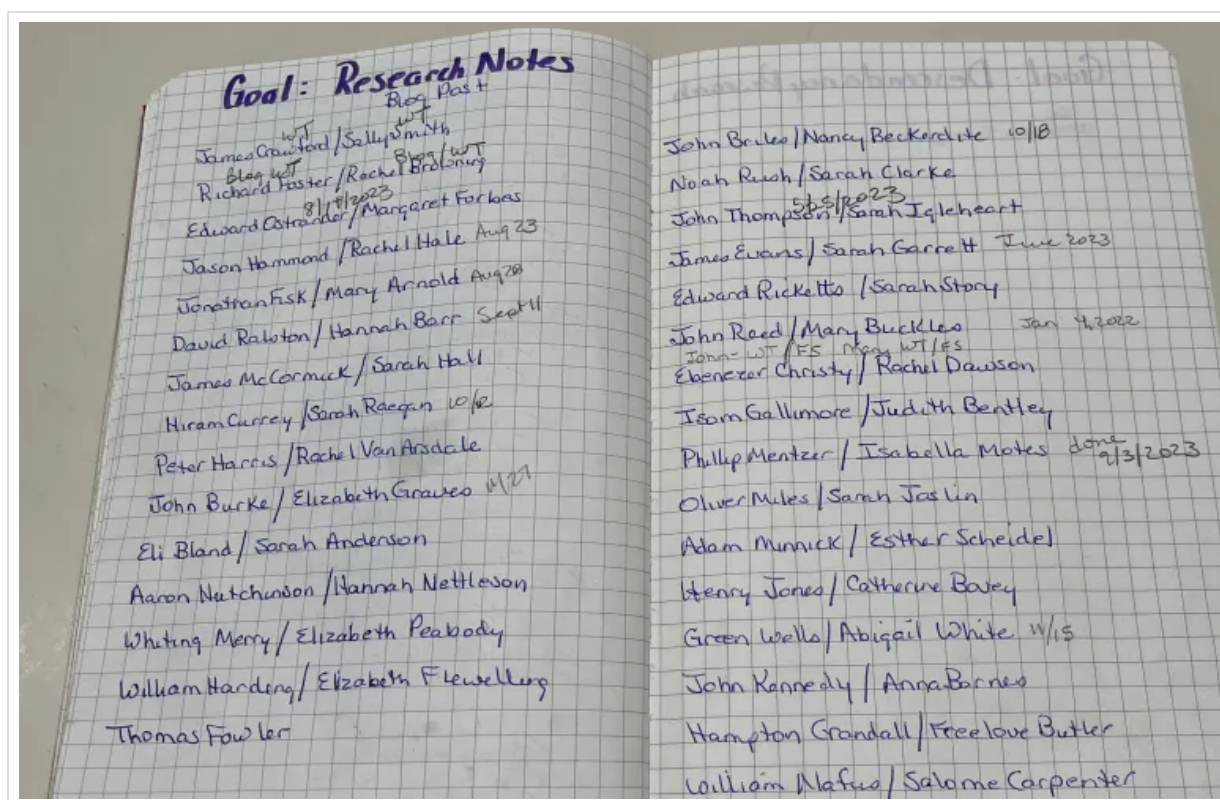
- *Continue to use the TreeShare feature of RootsMagic to upload people, events and sources to my Ancestry tree.*
- *Go thru my grandparents thru my 3rd great grandparents and make sure that any unique sources, photos or documents that I have are uploaded to FamilySearch.*
- *Compare a narrative report for grandparents thru my 3rd great grandparents to the profile on WikiTree and add any additional information and sources to the WikiTree profile.*
- *Fill in the 'blanks' on my family tree on WikiTree by linking to existing profiles – OR – Create a profile on WikiTree for any of my ancestors that do not exist*
- *Update the research of my 4th great grandparents, including their profiles on FamilySearch and WikiTree.*
- *Create a free-space page on WikiTree to 'catalog' the Crawford related blog posts to share with the Crawford Name Study*

**2023 GOALS POSTED ON HEARTLAND GENEALOGY ON 1 JAN 2023 -**

**[HTTPS://HEARTLANDGENEALOGY.ORG/2023/01/01/2023-GOALS/](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/01/01/2023-goals/)**

So, how did I do?

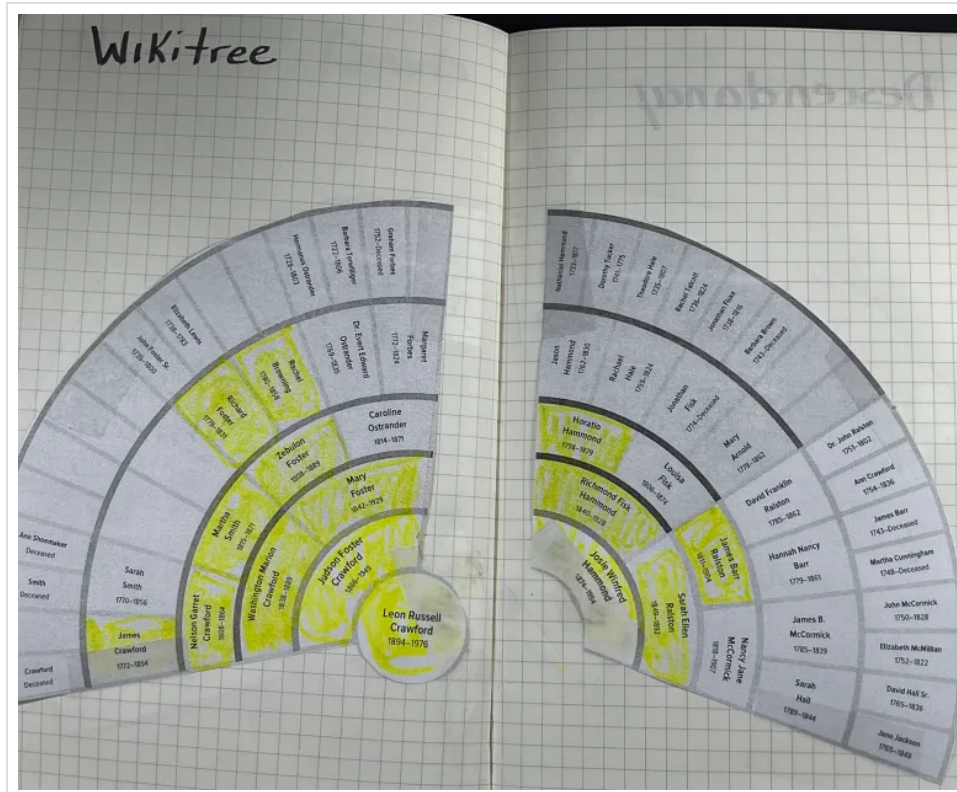
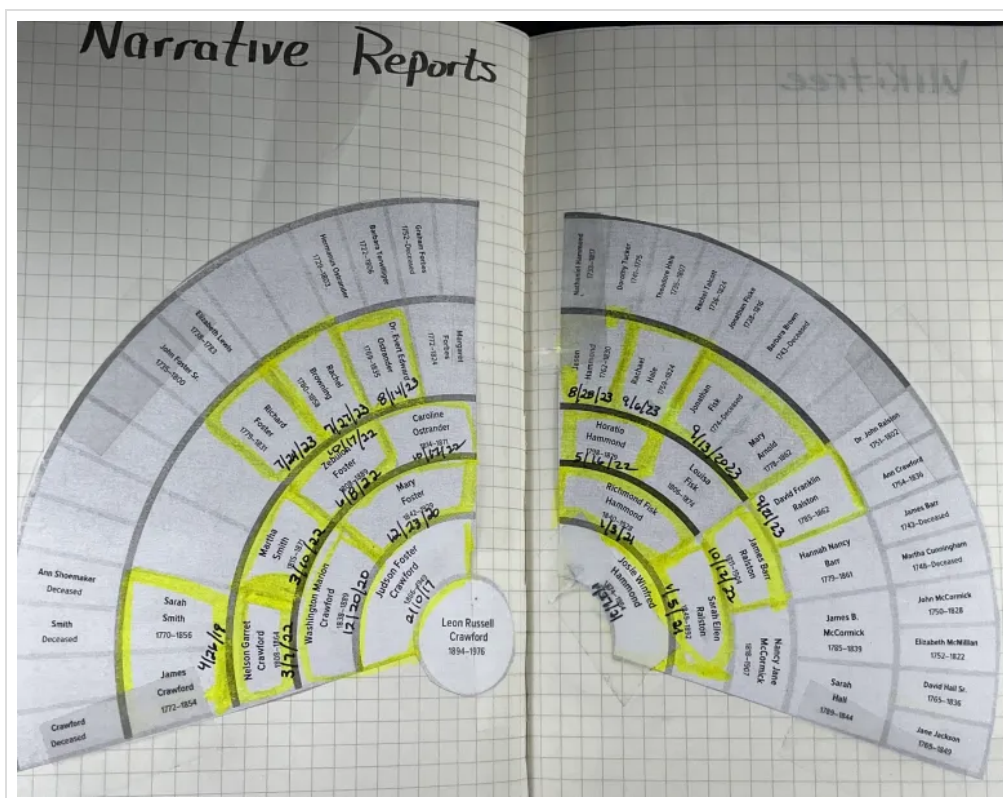
- Well, using TreeShare has become a habit. I'm not even sure why I included it as a goal.
- When it comes to updating my portion of the FamilySearch tree, I'd have to give myself a C for effort. I did upload many of the family photos that were handed down to me by my grandparents. When it comes to updating sources, I was fairly successful with generations closer to me. However, I did not get this accomplished thru my 3rd great grandparents.
- While I continued to learn how to use WikiTree, I also updated the profiles of my 2nd great grandparents. I have some of my 3rd great grandparents updated, but not all.
- Even though I worked to update my research of my 4th great grandparents, I was not able to publish narrative reports for all of them. While this research has been shared on Ancestry and on my blog, I have not updated FamilySearch or WikiTree for these ancestral couples. Thus, it is a work in progress.

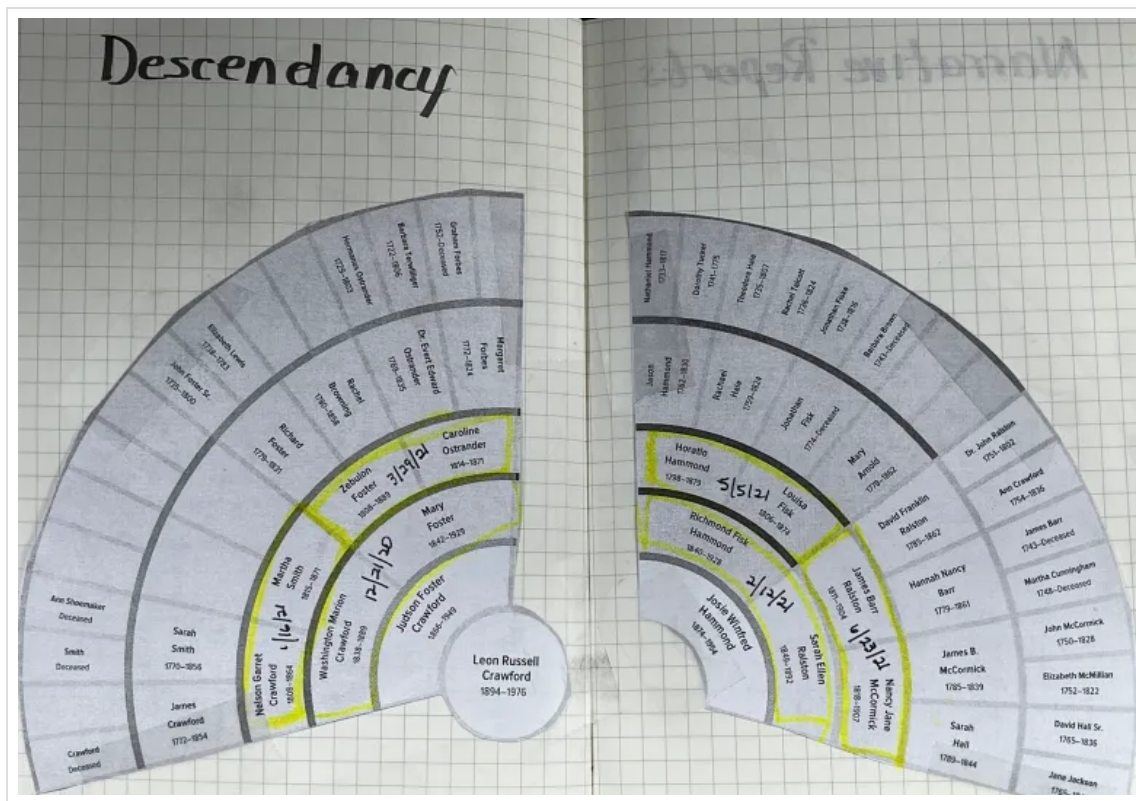


- My use of WikiTree Spaces to create an index of my blog posts is almost complete. I just need to finish indexing 2022 and 2023.

To help me keep track of my research progress, I'm going to use fan charts for my grandparents to records tasks.







Besides the three versions pictured above, I have a chart to record the number of Ancestry ThruLines I've added to my RootsMagic file, the number of sources on a FamilySearch profile and the number of memories attached to a FamilySearch Profile.

Since all of these fan charts were 'created' in late December 2023, they will help me measure my research progress.

Even though I can't mark any of my 2023 goals off as completed, I feel like I've had a productive year. How about you? Did you complete your 2023 genealogy goals?

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK

/ DECEMBER 31, 2023

/ CATEGORIES: SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:**

**It's Saturday Night again –**

**Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**



**Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.**

## **1) Was Genea-Santa good to you? What genealogy gifts did you receive for Christmas this year?**

Dear Santa,

Thank you!

Thank you for the Crawford descendant who has agreed to a yDNA test. Hopefully, this test will help figure out the R1b-01A Ardmillan branch of the Crawford family. (Crawford yDNA Project)

Thank you for the opportunity I've been given to learn more about yDNA thru Diahan Southard's yDNA for Genealogy class. I look forward to applying what I learn from this course to my Crawford research.